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# **Chapter 1**

# Welcome to StickyBrain

StickyBrain is your universal note manager. Use it to store all of the miscellaneous information that doesn't fit neatly anywhere else. This third generation note manager make it easier than ever to find and access your notes from any application. StickyBrain is bound to become one of the most used and useful pieces of software on your computer.

# **System Requirements**

- Apple Macintosh G3 or higher
- Mac OS X v10.3 or later
- 60MB of available disk space
- CD-ROM drive

# **Installing StickyBrain**

- To install StickyBrain from a CD, insert the StickyBrain CD into your computer's optical drive and double-click the installer icon.
- To install StickyBrain from a download, open the StickyBrain disk image on your desktop and double-click the installer icon.

#### What Gets Installed?

The StickyBrain installer will install the following items on to your hard disk.

- StickyBrain. This is the main StickyBrain application. The StickyBrain application will be installed into a folder named "StickyBrain" which will be installed in your main Applications folder: /Applications/StickyBrain
- Chronos/StickyBrain. This folder stores pictures, textures, and other related files and is installed into the "Application Support" folder of either your home Library or main Library folder (the installer asks where you'd like it installed—"~" denotes your home directory):
  - -/Library/Application Support/Chronos/StickyBrain
  - /Library/Application Support/Chronos/StickyBrain
- StickyBrainCM.plugin. This is the StickyBrain contextual menu plugin file and is installed into the "Contextual Menu Items" folder of the "Application Support" folder of either your home Library or main Library folder (the installer asks where you'd like it installed—"~" denotes your home directory):
  - -/Library/Contextual Menu Items/StickyBrainCM.plugin
  - /Library/Contextual Menu Items/StickyBrainCM.plugin
- StickyBrainService. This is a helper application for StickyBrain. The StickyBrainService application is installed into the "Services" folder of either your home Library or main Library folder (the installer asks where you'd like it installed—"~" denotes your home directory):
  - -/Library/Services/StickyBrainService
  - /Library/Services/StickyBrainService
- StickyBrain Conduit. This is the conduit that synchronizes notes between StickyBrain and a Palm handheld. The StickyBrain Conduit is installed in the Conduits folder (the installer will ask you if you'd like it installed): /Library/Application Support/Palm HotSync/Conduits
- StickyBrain.wdgt. This is the StickyBrain widget file. The StickyBrain widget is installed into the "Widgets" folder of either your home Library or main Library folder (the installer asks where you'd like it installed—"~" denotes your home directory):

- ~/Library/Services/StickyBrainService
- /Library/Services/StickyBrainService
- OpenBase. This is the database engine StickyBrain uses to store your notes. The installer places files in several locations:
  - /Library/OpenBase
  - /Library/StartupItems/OpenBase
  - /Library/Frameworks/OpenBase...framework
  - /Library/Java/Extensions/OpenBaseJDBC.jar
  - /Applications/OpenBase

#### **Uninstall StickyBrain**

StickyBrain and its related files can be uninstalled two different ways: manually or via the installer.

#### To uninstall StickyBrain via the installer:

- 1. Double-click the installer.
- 2. Choose Uninstall from the "Easy Install" pop-up menu.
- **3.** Follow the on-screen prompts.

#### To uninstall StickyBrain manually:

The below steps describe how to uninstall of the components related to StickyBrain except for the OpenBase components. The OpenBase components can only be uninstalled using the uninstall option in the StickyBrain installer.

- 1. Delete the "StickyBrain" folder. This is located in the "Applications" folder.
- 2. Delete the "Chronos/StickyBrain" folder. This is located in the "Application Support" folder of either your home Library or main Library folder.
- 3. Delete the "StickyBrainCM.plugin" from the Contextual Menu Items folder of either your home Library or main Library folder.
- 4. Delete the "StickyBrain.wdgt" from the Widgets folder of either your home Library or main Library folder.
- 5. Delete the "StickyBrainService" from the Services folder of either your home Library or main Library folder.
- 6. Delete the "StickyBrain Conduit" file. This is located in the directory: /Library/Application Support/Palm HotSync/Conduits/
- 7. Delete the "com.chronos.StickyBrain.plist" file. This file is located in the "Preferences" folder of your home Library folder.
- 8. Delete the "com.chronos.StickyBrainService.plist" file. This file is located in the "Preferences" folder of your home Library folder.
- 9. Delete the "StickyBrainService.bundle" file. This file is located in the "Services" folder of your home Library folder.

# **Learning to Use StickyBrain**

To learn how to use StickyBrain, consult these resources:

#### User's Guide

This guide describes the features and shows how to use StickyBrain.

#### **Onscreen Help**

Help tags are available for many of the items in the StickyBrain window. To see the help tags, let the pointer rest

over an item for a couple of seconds.

#### **Technical Support**

Chronos provides various support options for StickyBrain. See http://www.chronosnet.com/Support/index.html for technical support options.

#### **Web Resources**

Go to http://www.chronosnet.com/Products/index.html to get the latest software and updates for StickyBrain.

# **Upgrade Information**

StickyBrain version 3.x can easily import and convert your version 2.x notes. This section will describe this process any issues related thereto. It assumes you already know how to use StickyBrain.

#### To import and convert your 2.x notes into StickyBrain 3.x:

- 1. Choose File > Import Notes.
- 2. Select "My default StickyBrain 2 File".
- 3. Click OK.

StickyBrain will automatically import and convert your 2.x notes. Depending on the number and size of the notes, the conversion process may take awhile. Please be patient.

Note: It is highly recommended that you do not switch to other applications during the conversion process.

#### To convert a 1.x data file to 3.x data file:

StickyBrain 3.0 cannot directly convert a version 1.x file to the new 3.x database format. Rather, you must first use StickyBrain 2 to convert from 1.x to 2.x. Then follow the instructions in the previous section to convert from 2.x to 3.x. StickyBrain 2 is still available for download from www.chronosnet.com.

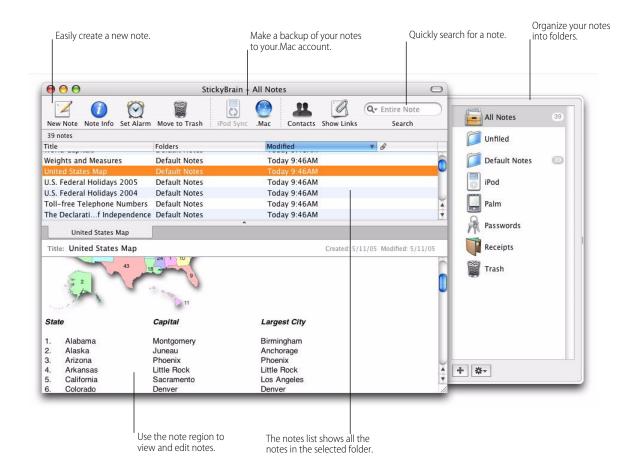
# **Chapter 2**

# Using StickyBrain

The purpose of this chapter is to acquaint you with the basics of using StickyBrain. The basics include the viewer window, Contacts window, tabs, sorting, and searching.

### **Viewer Window**

When you first launch StickyBrain the viewer window will be the first window you see. The viewer window is primarily used to create, edit, search, and view notes. The viewer window is comprised of a toolbar, status bar, notes list, note region, and folders drawer.



#### To open a viewer window:

The first time StickyBrain is launched a single viewer window will open. You can open any number of viewer windows. StickyBrain will automatically remember and reopen your viewer windows between launches of the application.

1. Choose File > New Viewer Window. Repeat this step to open multiple viewer windows.

#### **Toolbar**

The toolbar at the top of the viewer window provides quick access to frequently used commands. You can choose which commands appear in the toolbar and how they are arranged. The viewer window, Contacts window, and note window can each have their own toolbar settings.



#### To customize the toolbar:

- 1. Choose View > Customize Toolbar.
- 2. Drag items into, out of, or to a new location in the toolbar.

To quickly rearrange a toolbar, hold down the Command key and drag a toolbar item to a new location, or drag it out of the toolbar to remove it.

#### To show or hide the toolbar:

1. Choose View > Show ToolBar or Hide Toolbar.

#### **Status Bar**

The status bar displays the number of notes in the selected folder in the folders drawer.

#### To show or hide the status bar:

1. Choose View > Show Status Bar or Hide Status Bar.

#### **Notes List**

The notes list displays the title and other related information for all of the notes in the selected folder in the folders drawer.

#### To add or remove columns:

1. Choose View > Note Columns, and choose a column. Repeat this step to add or remove additional columns.

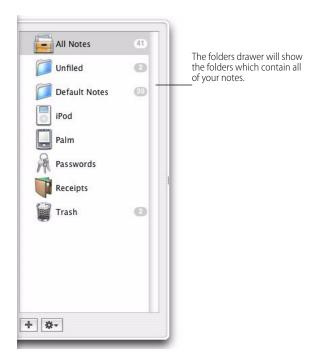
#### To rearrange columns in the viewer window:

1. Click and drag the column heading to a new position. As you drag the column heading, the other columns will automatically move so you know exactly where the dragged column will be placed.

#### **Folders Drawer**

Your folders are shown in the folders drawer which is attached to the viewer window. When you select a folder in the folders drawer, the notes in the folder will be listed in the notes list in the viewer window. For more infor-

mation on folders see Chapter 4 Creating And Working With Folders on page 26.

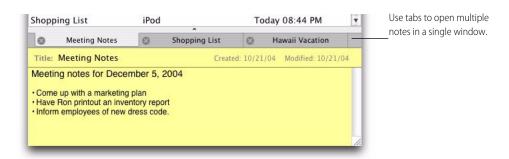


#### To show or hide the folders drawer:

1. Choose View > Show Folders or Hide Folders, or click Folders in the toolbar.

### **Tabs**

You can open a note in a tab rather than opening the note in a separate window or replacing the contents of the current viewer window. This allows you to open and view multiple notes without having to open and manage multiple windows.



#### To open a note in a new tab:

When you open a note in a tab, the tab will appear in the tab bar, which is located below the notes list.

1. Choose File > New Tab, and select a note or hold down the Option key and select a note.

By default new tabs will automatically be selected. This can be disabled in the Tabs preferences (StickyBrain >

Preferences, and click the Tabs button).

#### To close a tab:

1. Click the close button on the tab.

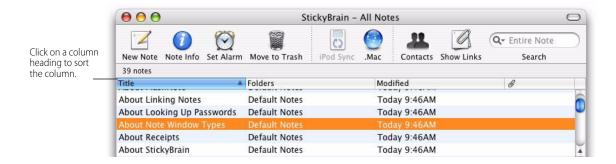
#### To always show the tab bar:

By default the tab bar will only show if there's at least one tab opened.

- 1. Choose StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Tabs button.
- 2. Select Always show tab bar.

# **Sorting**

You can sort any column in the viewer window's notes list in either ascending or descending order.



#### To sort on a column:

1. Choose View > Sort Notes By, and select a column to sort on. You can also click the column heading in the notes list. Repeat this step to reverse the sort order.

A blue column heading indicates that the column is being sorted on. The arrow in the column heading will indicate whether the column is being sorted in ascending or descending order.

# Searching

You can search for text in an open note, all notes of a folder, or in all folders. Plus, you can choose which columns to show in the search results and which column to sort on.



#### To search for text in an open note:

- 1. Choose Edit > Find > Find.
- 2. Enter the text you want to find and click Next.

Click Next again to find the next occurrence of the text.

#### To search for text in all notes of a folder:

- Select a folder in the folders drawer.
- 2. Click in the Search field at the top of the viewer window.
- 3. Type the text you want to find.
- 4. Choose Entire Note or Titles Only from the Search field pop-up menu to specify what part of each note to search.
- 5. Press the Return key.

For more information on folders see Chapter 4 Creating And Working With Folders on page 26.

#### To search for text in all folders:

- 1. Select the All Notes folder in the folders drawer.
- 2. Click in the Search field at the top of the viewer window.
- 3. Type the text you want to find.
- 4. Choose Entire Note or Titles Only from the Search field pop-up menu to specify what part of each note to search.
- 5. Press the Return key.

#### To choose which columns are shown in the search results:

When a search is performed a special set of columns related to searching are displayed in the notes list. You can choose which columns you would like in this special set of search columns.

1. Choose View > Search Columns, and select a column. Repeat this step to add or remove additional columns.

#### To choose which column is sorted on in the search results:

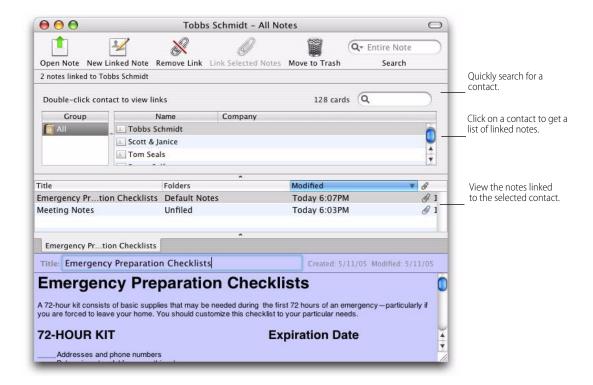
When a search is performed a special set of columns related to searching are displayed in the notes list. You can choose which column in this special set of search columns is sorted on by default.

1. Choose View > Sort Search By, and select a column.

### **Contacts**

You can link notes in StickyBrain to contacts in the Mac OS X Address Book. This is accomplished using the Contacts window in StickyBrain. For detailed information on using the Contacts window see Chapter 5 *Contacts* 

on page 31.



#### To open the Contacts window:

1. Choose File > New Contacts Window, or click Contacts in the toolbar.

#### To create a note and link it to a contact:

- 1. Open the Contacts window.
- 2. Select a contact from the contact list.
- 3. Click New Linked Note in the toolbar to create a new note linked to the selected contact.

#### To view the notes linked to a contact:

- 1. Open the Contacts window.
- 2. Select a contact from the contact list. Any note linked to the selected contact will display in the note list.

# **Chapter 3**

# **Creating and Working with Notes**

The purpose of this chapter is to describe how to create and work with notes including many of the powerful options notes can take advantage of.

### **Create a Note**

This section will describe how to create and duplicate notes within StickyBrain. Notes can also be created from other applications even if StickyBrain is not running. For more information on creating notes from other applications see Chapter 6 *Shortcuts* on page 33.

#### To create a note:

- 1. Choose File > New Note, or click New in the toolbar to create a new note. By default the new note will be added to the folder that is selected in the folders drawer. If the viewer window is not opened, StickyBrain will ask you which folder the new note should be added to.
- 2. Type a title for the note in the title field. The title field is located in the title bar region of the note along with the created and modified dates of the note, and by default the title bar is shown. To show or hide the title bar choose View > Show/Hide Note Title Bar. If the title bar is hidden when you create a note, StickyBrain will use the first line of text in the note for the title.
- **3.** Type the note in the main body.
- **4.** Choose File > Save or click Save in the toolbar to save the note.



**Tip:** The created and modified dates in the title bar can be hidden by disabling "Show created & modified dates in note title bar" in the Appearance preference (StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Appearance button).

#### To duplicate note(s):

- **1.** Select the note(s) that you want duplicated.
- 2. Choose Note > Duplicate.

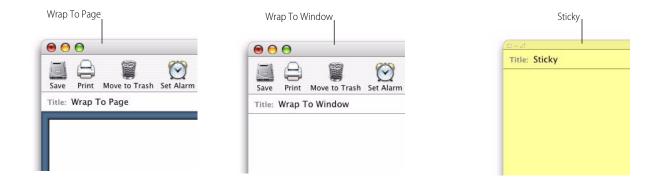
### **Note Window Attributes**

Each note window can either be wrap to window, wrap to page, or a sticky. In addition, each note window can have a different color, texture, or picture applied to its background.

#### To change the note window type:

The default window type for a note is based on the folder settings of each individual folder. For more information on folders see Chapter 4 *Creating And Working With Folders* on page 26.

- **1.** Select the note(s).
- 2. Choose Note > Window Type, and select Wrap To Window, Wrap To Page, or Sticky from the menu.



- Wrap To Page. This window type wraps the text according to the page size and its margins.
- Wrap To Window. This window type wraps the text to the note window.
- Sticky. This window type is a standard looking sticky note. The sticky window type is the only window type that does not have a toolbar and the only window type that can be made translucent and made to float above all other windows on the screen.

#### To float a sticky note in front of other windows:

Sticky notes can be made to float in the foreground of your computer screen to prevent it from being hidden by other windows.

- 1. Choose Note > Note Info. This will open the Note Info window.
- 2. Click the Settings tab.
- 3. Select Floating Window.

#### To make a sticky note translucent:

Sticky notes can be made translucent so you can see what is behind them. This is useful for stickies that are floating in the foreground of your computer screen.

- 1. Choose Note > Note Info. This will open the Note Info window.
- 2. Click the Settings tab.
- Click the Window Opacity pop-up menu and select an opacity setting.

#### To change the background color of a note:

- 1. Select the note(s).
- 2. Choose Note > Background, and select a color from the list.

#### To define a note color:

You can define your own note colors to make it easy to reuse the same color.

- 1. Choose Note > Background > Define Note Colors. The Define Colors dialog will open.
- 2. Click Add to add a new color.
- **3.** Type a name for the new color.
- 4. Click the color well to choose a color for that color name.

#### To add a background texture to a note window:

- 1. Select the note(s).
- 2. Choose Note > Background > Texture, and select a texture from the menu. The background of the note will be drawn in the selected texture.

You can also create your own textures. Simply create a graphics file in almost any popular graphics format and place it in one of the following directories (where "~" denotes your home folder):

- /Library/Application Support/Chronos/StickyBrain/Textures/
- -/Library/Application Support/Chronos/StickyBrain/Textures/

New textures only become available after StickyBrain is relaunched.

#### To add background picture to a note window:

- 1. Select the note(s).
- 2. Choose Note > Background > Picture, and select a picture from the menu. The selected picture will appear in the background of the note. The picture will automatically resize to the dimensions of the note.

You can also use your own pictures in StickyBrain in almost any popular graphics format. Simply place your pictures in one of the following directories (where "-" denotes your home folder):

- /Library/Application Support/Chronos/StickyBrain/Textures/
- -/Library/Application Support/Chronos/StickyBrain/Textures/

New pictures only become available after StickyBrain is relaunched.

### **Alarms**

If you don't want to miss an appointment or some other important event, you should assign an alarm to your note. You can set the alarm to launch StickyBrain if it's not running, play a sound, or a combination of both.

#### To assign an alarm to a note:

- 1. Select a note.
- 2. Choose Note > Set Alarm, or click Set Alarm in the toolbar to open the Alarm sheet.
- 3. Set the Alarm Date and Alarm Time. The default alarm time can be set in the Alarm preferences (choose StickyBrain > Preferences and click the Alarms button).
- 4. Set the Alarm Options. The following is a list of options that can be set for an alarm:
  - Play alarm sound. When an alarm goes off, StickyBrain will play the alarm sound specified in the Alarm preferences.
  - Launch StickyBrain. When an alarm goes off, StickyBrain will automatically launch if it's not running.
  - Critical alarm. With a regular alarm, the alarm sound will only play once. A critical alarm will automatically bring StickyBrain to the foreground and the alarm sound will play every five seconds until you dismiss it.

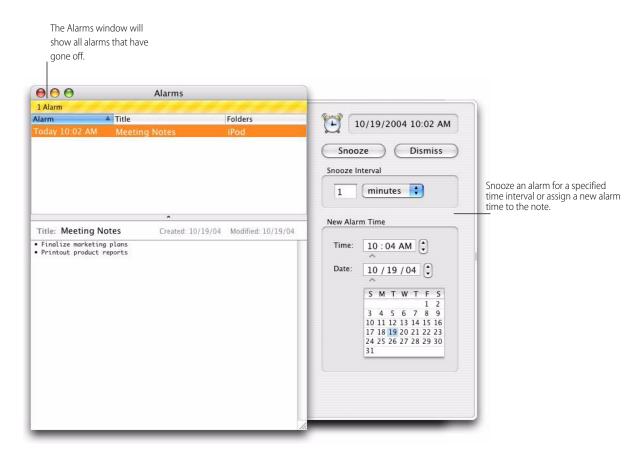
5. Click Set Alarm to save the alarm settings.

#### To remove an alarm from a note:

- 1. Select a note.
- 2. Choose Note > Set Alarm, or click Set Alarm in the toolbar to open the Alarm sheet.
- 3. Click Remove Alarm to disable the alarm.

#### To attend to pending alarms:

When an alarm goes off, the Alarms window will open and any alarm options will execute that have been assigned to the note. The Alarms window will list all alarms that have gone off and each alarm can be a) snoozed for a specified time interval; b) assigned a new date and time; or c) the alarm can be dismissed. You can set a default action and snooze time for alarms in the Alarms preferences (StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Alarms button).



# **Email a Note**

A note can be emailed using your email application. StickyBrain will automatically launch your email application if it's not already running and create a new email message with the contents of the note.

#### To email a note:

- 1. Select a note.
- 2. Choose Note > Email Note, or click Email Note in the toolbar.

### **Note Info**

The Note Info window provides quick access to various settings that can be applied to an individual note. In addition, it provides information about the note such as its created and modified dates.



#### To access Note Info:

- 1. Select a note.
- 2. Choose Note > Note Info, or click Note Info in the toolbar.

The settings that can be applied to the selected note are organized into four different tabs: General, Settings, Background and Margins. For a description of each of the settings in the tabs see TABLE 1. "Note Info Settings".

**TABLE 1. Note Info Settings** 

Attribute	Description
General	
Note Title	This is the title of the note.
Note Length	This will tell you the number of words and characters in the note.
Folders	This will tell you the folder(s) the note belongs to.
Note Shortcut	Use this setting to assign a shortcut to the note. A note shortcut will allow you to quickly and easily paste the note content into another application or grab and append content from another application into the note. For more information on shortcuts see Chapter 6 <i>Shortcuts</i> on page 33.
Settings	
Window Type	Use this setting to change the window type of the note. For more information on window types see Chapter 3 <i>Creating and Working with Notes</i> on page 16.

**TABLE 1. Note Info Settings** 

Attribute	Description
Private Note	Use this setting to mark the note as private. For more information on using the private feature see Chapter 3 <i>Creating and Working with Notes</i> on page 21.
Sticky Window Settings	These setting will only work with notes of the sticky window type. The Window Opacity setting controls the translucency of the note window. This is useful for stickies that are floating in the foreground of your computer screen. The Floating Window setting will cause the note to float in the foreground of your computer screen to prevent it from being hidden by other windows.
Created & Modified	These are the created and modified dates and times of the note. The dates and times can be modified.
Background	
Color	Use this setting to change the color of the note window.
Texture	Use this setting to assign a texture to the background of the note window.
Picture	Use this setting to assign a picture to the background of the note window.
Margins	
Unit of measurement	Use this setting to select a unit of measurement for the margins settings.
Margins	Use this setting to set the margins of the note.

# **Insert Special Items Into Notes**

You can insert special items into a note including the current date, the current time, pictures, to-do type check boxes, and calendars.

#### To insert specials items into a note:

- 1. Select a note and click in the note where you'd like to insert a special item.
- 2. Choose one of the following insert items from the Format menu:
  - Insert Date. Inserts the current date into the note using the long date format selected in the Date and Time System Preferences.
  - Insert Time. Inserts the current time into the note using the time format selected in the Date and Time System Preferences.
  - Insert Picture. Inserts a picture into the note. The picture can be in almost any popular graphics format.
  - Insert Calendar. Inserts a calendar into the note. You will be able to select the month, year, and size of the calendar to insert into the note.
  - Insert Check Box With Current Style. Inserts a check box into the note using the currently selected check box type in the Format > "Insert Check Box" menu. You can use this feature to build a to-do list. Insert a check box, then type a description of the task (e.g. "Buy groceries"). You can check off the task by clicking the check box.
  - Insert Check Box. This menu will list various check box types that can be inserted into a note. Selecting a check box will insert it into the selected note.

# **Hyperlink**

You can hyperlink text in a note to an email address, web address (www), ftp address, file on your hard drive,

etc. When text is hyperlinked it will appear and work just like a link on a web page. For example, if you link some text in a note to "www.chronosnet.com" and you click on the link, StickyBrain will launch your web browser and display that web page. Furthermore, StickyBrain can scan selected text or an entire note for URLs and turn them into hyperlinks.

#### To hyperlink text:

- 1. Select the text you wish to hyperlink.
- 2. Choose Format > Hyperlink. A drop-down sheet will appear.
- 3. Enter the URL to which the selected text should be linked. The following is a list of items that can be linked to the selected text:
  - Email address. An email address can take the form of bobby@chronosnet.com or mailto:bobby@chronosnet.com
  - Web address. A web address can take the form of www.chronosnet.com, http://www.chronosnet.com, or any other valid web address form.
  - FTP address. A ftp address can take the form of ftp.chronosnet.com, ftp://ftp.chronosnet.com, or any other valid ftp address form.
  - File. The path to the file will need to be entered in the following form: file://localhost/Users/bobby/ Desktop/schoolpaper.txt
- 4. Click OK to save the changes.

#### To scan text for URLs and turn them into hyperlinks:

- Select the text in a note you wish to scan for URLs, or select a note to scan the entire text of the note for URLs.
- 2. Choose Format > Scan For Hyperlinks.

StickyBrain will turn any web, ftp, or email URL it comes across into a hyperlink. For example, if StickyBrain comes across the text "www.chronosnet.com", it will automatically hyperlink that text to "http://www.chronosnet.com".

#### To remove hyperlinks from text:

- 1. Select the text in a note you wish to remove hyperlinks from, or select a note to remove hyperlinks from the entire text of the note.
- Choose Format > Remove Hyperlinks.

### **Private Notes**

You can mark a note as private if you wish to keep it confidential. This option is useful for personal information, passwords, account numbers, etc. In order to view private notes, you must enter a password.

#### To mark a note as private:

- 1. Select the note(s).
- 2. Choose Note > Is Private.

#### To hide private notes:

1. Choose View > Hide Private Notes. The first time you choose this option you will be prompted to enter a password. You MUST remember your password in order to view the private notes.

#### To show private notes:

- 1. Choose View > Show Private Notes.
- 2. Enter your password.

3. Click OK to show the private notes.

### **Link Notes**

Linking provides a way to keep notes that are relevant to each other linked together. In addition to linking notes together, you can link notes to contacts in the Mac OS X Address Book. For more information on linking notes to contacts see Chapter 5 *Contacts* on page 31.

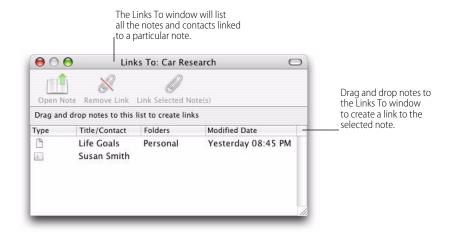
You can link notes together either using the Links To window or by drag and drop. You can link a note to any number of other notes.

#### To link a note to another note using drag and drop:

- 1. Select a note that you would like to link to another note.
- 2. Drag and drop the selected note on to the other note. The cursor will change to a curved arrow as you drag a note over another note letting you know the two notes will be linked together.

#### To link a note to another note using the Links To dialog:

- 1. Select a note that you would like to link to another note.
- 2. Choose Note > Show Links, or click Show Links in the toolbar to open the Links To window.



- 3. Select note(s) from the viewer window that you would like to link to the note previously selected. Hold down the shift key to select multiple contiguous notes. Hold down the command key to select multiple notes in a non-contiguous fashion.
- 4. Click Link Selected Notes(s) in the Links To window or drag and drop the note(s) to the Links To window.

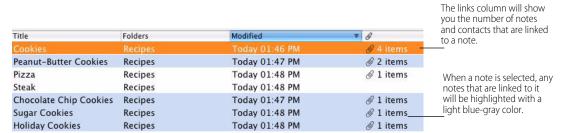
#### To remove a link between two notes:

- 1. Select a note that you want to remove a link from.
- 2. Choose Notes > Show Links, or click Show Links in the toolbar to open the Links To window.
- 3. Select a note that you no longer want linked to the note previously selected.
- 4. Click Remove Link in the Links To window to remove the link.

#### To view linked notes:

When you select a note in the viewer window any notes that are linked to it will be listed in the Links To window if it's open, and the linked notes will be highlighted with a light tan color in the notes list. This makes it easy to

identify and open the linked notes.



**Note:** You can change the color of link highlighting or disable it in the Appearance preferences (StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Appearance button).

# **Organize Notes**

An effective way to organize your notes is to assign them to folders in the folders drawer. For more information on folders see Chapter 4 *Creating And Working With Folders* on page 26.

When a note is created it is assigned to the folder that is currently selected. The note then can be assigned to additional folders or reassigned to another folder. To be clear, a single note can be in multiple folders at the same time.

#### To assign a note to an additional folder:

- **1.** Select the note(s).
- 2. Choose Note > Add To, and then select a folder to assign the note to. You can also drag the note to the folder you want it assigned to. Repeat this step for each folder that you want the note assigned to.



#### To reassign a note to another folder:

- 1. Select the note(s).
- Choose Note > Move To, and then select the folder you want the note assigned to. The note will no longer be assigned to the folder it was originally in.

#### To remove a note from a folder:

- 1. Select the folder that the note is assigned to.
- **2.** Select the note.
- 3. Choose Edit > Move to Trash, or click Move to Trash in the toolbar. A confirmation dialog will appear.
- 4. If the note is in more than one folder, click Remove to remove the note from the selected folder. The note will still exist and be in the other folder(s) to which it is assigned. If removing a note from a folder means that the note will no longer belong to any folder, then you will be asked if you want the note moved to the Trash.

### **Delete Notes**

A single note can be in more than one folder simultaneously. When a note is removed from the last folder it exists in, the note is moved to the Trash. For more information on removing a note from a folder see *To remove a note from a folder:* on page 23. If a note is in a single folder, permanently deleting the note is as simple as removing the note from that folder. If the note exists in multiple folders, it might be too cumbersome to remove the note from each folder separately. There is an easier way.

#### To permanently delete a note:

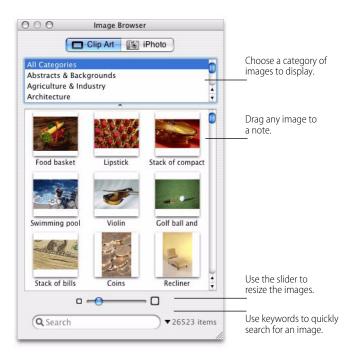
- 1. Select the All Notes folder in the folders drawer.
- Select the note(s).
- 3. Choose Edit > Move to Trash, or click Move to Trash in the toolbar. A confirmation dialog will appear.
- 4. Click Move to Trash to move the note to the Trash.
- 5. Choose Edit > Empty Trash to permanently delete all the notes in the Trash.

### **Contextual Menu**

A contextual menu is available within the StickyBrain application. This contextual menu is used to access common commands relating to notes such as Links, Note Info, Window Type, Background Texture, etc. To access the contextual menu, hold down the control key and click on a note. If you have a two button mouse, you can right-click on a note to open the contextual menu. The contextual menu can be accessed on a single selected note, an open note, or multiple selected notes. For example, you can select multiple notes in the viewer window and quickly change the Window Type of all the selected notes using the contextual menu.

# **Image Browser**

The Image Browser will give you access to clip art graphics and your iPhoto photos (hereafter both will be referred to as images), so you can insert them into notes. You can search the clip art library by keywords and filter by categories or browse your iPhoto albums to find just the right image to insert into a note.



#### To access the Image Browser:

1. Choose View > Image Browser. The Image Browser window will appear on your screen.

#### To add an image to a note:

- 1. Open the Image Browser.
- 2. Click either Clip Art or iPhoto.
- 3. Locate the image you want to add to a note.
- 4. Drag the image from the Image Browser to the note.

#### To search for an image in the Clip Art:

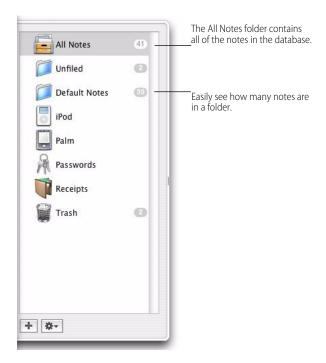
1. Enter one or more keywords into the search field.

Every image has several keywords assigned to it. Control-click or right-click on an image to get a list of keywords assigned to it and to get additional information about the image. This will help you to know what keywords to use when searching for images.

# **Chapter 4**

# **Creating And Working With Folders**

The main purpose of folders is to help you organize your notes. You can create an unlimited numbers of folders in StickyBrain and folders can have any number of sub-folders. Folders and sub-folders can be reorganized and assigned their own icons and special settings. StickyBrain even has some special pre-defined folders with unique functionality like the iPod, Palm, Passwords, and Receipts folders.



### **Create a Folder or Sub-Folder**

A folder can be created at the top level of the folders drawer or it can be created within another folder. For example, you can create a folder named "Recipes" and within that folder create sub-folders named "Desserts" and "Main Dishes".

The folders drawer will list folders alphabetically except for a few special folders which will be discussed later in this chapter. You can assign an icon to each of your folders to help differentiate them from one another.

#### To create a folder:

- 1. Select a folder in the folders drawer if you want to create a sub-folder within it, or select the All Notes folder to create a folder at the top level.
- 2. Choose Folder > New, or click the Create Folder button at the bottom of the folders drawer.



3. Type the name of the new folder in the New Folder sheet. The sheet will let you know where the folder will

be created.



4. Click OK to create the folder.

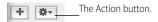
#### To assign an icon to a folder:

- 1. Select a folder in the folders drawer.
- 2. Choose Folder > Folder Icon, and select an icon from the list.

#### To make the folder icons smaller in the folders drawer:

Each icon that ships with StickyBrain has a large and small form.By default, folder icons display in the folders drawer in their large form.

- 1. Open the folders drawer.
- 2. Click the Action button at the bottom of the folders drawer.



3. Choose Use Small Folder Icons.

Repeat these steps to display the folder icons at their large size.

#### To change the note count style:

- 1. Choose StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Appearance button.
- 2. Select a style from the Note count style popup menu.

#### To rename a folder:

- 1. Select a folder in the folders drawer.
- Choose Folder > Rename.
- 3. Type a new name for the folder and then press the return key.

#### To delete a folder:

When you delete a folder all the notes in the folder and any nested folders will be deleted. Deleting a folder is a permanent action which can't be undone. However, when you delete a folder you will have the option to move the notes and nested folders to another folder.

- 1. Select a folder in the folders drawer.
- 2. Choose Folder > Delete.
- 3. Choose to delete the folder and all its contents, or move the contents to another folder. If the latter is selected, then choose a folder from the pop-up menu to move the contents to.
- 4. Click OK to save the changes.

#### To Open or Close all the notes in a folder:

This option is useful to quickly open or close all the notes in a particular folder.

- 1. Select a folder in the folders drawer.
- 2. Choose Folder > Open All Notes or Folder > Close All Notes.

# **Organize Folders**

A folder can be located in the top level of the folders drawer or as a sub-folder to another folder. You can move folders any time you would like. The notes within the folder will move with it.

#### To move a folder to the top level of the folders drawer:

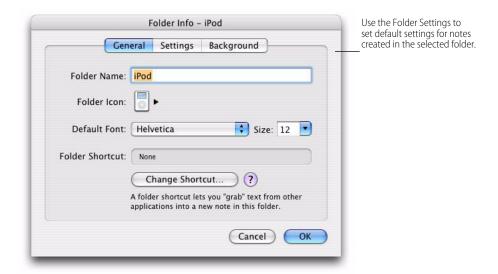
1. Drag and drop the folder to the All Notes folder.

#### To make a folder a sub-folder of another folder:

1. Drag and drop the folder on to the other folder.

### **Folder Info**

The Folder Info window provides quick access to various settings that can be applied to a folder. In addition, it provides access to settings that can be applied to newly created notes in the folder. When a note is created in a folder, the note will inherit the settings of its folder. These settings include note color, window type, font style, etc.



#### To access Folder Info:

- 1. Select a folder in the folders drawer.
- 2. Choose Folder > Folder Info.
- 3. Set the various settings for the selected folder. The settings are organized into three different tabs: General, Settings, and Background. For a description of each of the settings in the tabs see TABLE 2. "Folder Set-

tings".

**TABLE 2. Folder Settings** 

Attribute	Description
General	
Folder Name	This is the name of the folder.
Folder Icon	Use this setting to change the folder icon.
Folder Shortcut	Use this setting to assign a shortcut to the folder. A folder shortcut lets you conveniently grab information from another application and save it as a new note in the folder. For more information on shortcuts see Chapter 6 <i>Shortcuts</i> on page 33.
Settings	
Window Type	This is the default window type that newly created notes will use. For more information on window types see Chapter 3 <i>Creating and Working with Notes</i> on page 16.
Width and Height	This is the default window size for newly created notes.
Privacy	This is the default private setting for newly created notes. For more information on using the private feature see Chapter 3 <i>Creating and Working with Notes</i> on page 21.
Default Font	This is the default font and font size that newly created notes will use.
Sticky Window Settings	These are the default settings for newly created notes. These setting will only work with notes of the sticky window type. The Window Opacity setting controls the translucency of the note window. This is useful for stickies that are floating in the foreground of your computer screen. The Floating Window setting will cause the note to float in the foreground of your computer screen to prevent it from being hidden by other windows.
Background	
Color	This is the default window color that newly created notes will use. For more information on window colors see Chapter 3 <i>Creating and Working with Notes</i> on page 16.
Texture	This is the default background texture for newly created notes. For more information on textures see Chapter 3 <i>Creating and Working with Notes</i> on page 17.
Picture	This is the default background picture for newly created notes. For more information on pictures see Chapter 3 <i>Creating and Working with Notes</i> on page 17.

# **Special Default Folders**

StickyBrain comes with a set of default folders that provide special functionality. These folders include All Notes, Unfiled, iPod, Palm, Passwords, Receipts, and Trash. These folders can't be renamed; however, you can change the folder icon.

Because these folders offer special functionality in StickyBrain, if you delete one of them you will lose the special functionality it provides (the All Notes, Unfiled, and Trash folders can't be deleted). To recreate a special folder, click the Action button at the bottom of the folders drawer and choose Recreate Default Folders. Any special

folder that has been deleted will be restored.

#### **All Notes**

The All Notes contains all of the notes in the database. The All Notes folder sits at the top of the list in the folders drawer. Deleting notes from the All Notes folder will permanently delete the notes from the database. Whereas, deleting a note from a folder will only remove the note from the folder unless the note only exists in that folder in which case it is deleted.

#### **Unfiled**

The Unfiled folder is the default folder that notes are assigned to if no folder is selected or if All Notes is selected when a new note is created.

#### **iPod**

Notes that are assigned to the iPod folder will synchronize to the iPod. For more information on iPod syncing see Chapter 10 *iPod Synchronization* on page 43.

#### **Palm**

Notes that are assigned to the Palm folder will synchronize with a Palm handheld. For more information on Palm syncing see Chapter 11 *Palm Synchronization* on page 44.

#### **Passwords**

The Passwords folder is used to store passwords and other sensitive information. The Passwords folder is used with the Lookup Password shortcut. When you use the Lookup Password shortcut to store a password for a web site, the information will be stored in the Passwords folder. For more information on using the Lookup Password shortcut see Chapter 6 *Shortcuts* on page 37.

#### **Receipts**

The Receipts folder is used to store web receipts and other similar information. The Receipts folder is used with the Save in Receipts shortcut. When you use the Save in Receipts shortcut to store a receipt or other similar information, the information will be stored in the Receipts folder. For more information on using the Save in Receipts shortcut see Chapter 6 *Shortcuts* on page 37.

#### **Trash**

The Trash folder is used to store notes that have been deleted. To empty the Trash choose Edit > Empty Trash. This will permanently delete the notes in the Trash folder from the database.

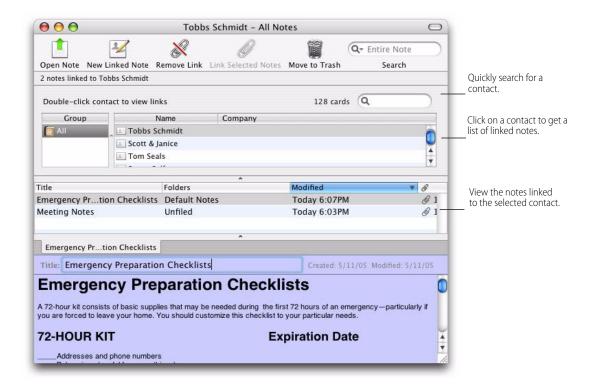
# **Chapter 5**

# **Contacts**

You can link notes in StickyBrain to contacts in the Mac OS X Address Book. This is accomplished using the Contacts window in StickyBrain. The Contacts window will show you all of the contacts and groups in the Mac OS X Address Book.

### **Contacts**

This section describes how to open and use the Contacts window.



#### To open the Contacts window:

1. Choose File > New Contacts Window, or click Contacts in the toolbar.

#### To link a new note to a contact:

- 1. Select a contact from the contact list.
- 2. Click New Linked Note in the toolbar to create a new note linked to the selected contact.

#### To link existing note(s) to a contact:

This requires the viewer window and Contacts window to be open.

- 1. Choose File > New Viewer Window if the viewer window is not already open.
- **2.** Choose the note(s) you wish to link to a contact.

- 3. Choose File > New Contacts Window if the Contacts window is not already open.
- 4. Select a contact from the contact list to link to the selected notes in the viewer window.
- 5. Click Link Selected Notes in the toolbar of the Contacts window.

#### To link existing note(s) to a contact via drag and drop:

This requires the viewer window and Contacts window to be open.

- 1. Choose File > New Viewer Window if the viewer window is not already open.
- 2. Choose File > New Contacts Window if the Contacts window is not already open.
- 3. Select a contact from the contact list to link to the selected notes in the viewer window.
- 4. Select and drag one or more notes from the viewer window to the notes list in the Contacts window to link the notes to the selected contact.

#### To view notes linked to a contact:

- 1. Select a contact from the contact list.
- 2. Any note linked to the selected contact will display in the notes list of the Contacts window.

#### To remove a link between a contact and note:

- 1. Select a contact from the contact list.
- 2. Select a linked note.
- 3. Click Remove Link in the toolbar to remove the link. This will only remove the link between the contact and the note. The contact and the note will not be deleted.

# **Chapter 6**

# **Shortcuts**

A powerful feature in StickyBrain is its integration with other software on your computer. StickyBrain can grab content from other applications into a note, paste note content into other applications, do website password lookups, and other powerful actions. StickyBrain executes these actions via shortcuts which can be performed whether StickyBrain is running or not. There are three different and convenient ways to invoke a shortcut:

- The StickyBrain contextual menu.
- The StickyBrain services menu.
- A hot key.

Shortcuts can be assigned to both notes and folders. There are also some shortcuts for special StickyBrain features. This chapter will describe how to assign a shortcuts and then how to invoke the shortcut once it is assigned.

# **Assign a Special Shortcut**

There are several special features in StickyBrain that can have shortcuts assigned to them to make them more convenient. These features are listed in TABLE 3. "Special Feature Action Definitions".

**TABLE 3. Special Feature Action Definitions** 

Action	Definition
Launch StickyBrain	Launches StickyBrain from any application.
Search	Searches in StickyBrain for the text selection in any application. The results appear in the FlashNote. For more information on FlashNote, see Chapter 7 <i>FlashNote</i> on page 39.
Lookup Password	Looks up in StickyBrain the user name and password for the current page in your web browser. If it finds the user name and password, it displays it in FlashNote. Otherwise, it creates a new note in your Passwords folder so you can enter your user name and password for the web page.
Save in Receipts	Saves the selected text and graphics in any application to a new note in your receipts folder. Useful for storing web receipts.

#### To assign a shortcuts to open of the special StickyBrain features:

- 1. Choose StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Shortcuts button.
- 2. Click Change next to the shortcut you wish to assign a hot key to.
- 3. Enter a new hot key or click Clear to delete the existing hot key.

# **Assign a Note Shortcut**

You can assign a shortcut to any note in your database. A note shortcut will allow you to quickly and easily paste the note content into another application or grab and append content from another application into the note.

#### To assign a shortcut to a note:

1. Select a note.

- 2. Choose Note > Edit Shortcut, or click Edit Shortcut in the toolbar to open the Note Shortcut sheet.
- 3. Click the Action pop-up menu to assign an action to the shortcut. The various actions that you can assign to a shortcut are listed in TABLE 4. "Note Action Definitions".

**TABLE 4. Note Action Definitions** 

Action	Definition
No Action	This default indicates no action is associated with the note shortcut.
Grab Selection	This action will grab/copy the selection from the current application and append it to the end of the note.
Grab Selection (No Style)	This action will grab/copy the selection from the current application and append it as plain text to the end of the note using the current font of the note.
Paste Note	This action will paste the contents of the note into the current application.
Paste Note (No Style)	This action will paste the contents of the note into the current application as plain text.

4. Enter a new hot key (this is optional). Click Clear to delete the existing hot key. A hot key is a special key combination that executes the action assigned to the shortcut. An example hot key is Command-Option-B.

# **Assign a Folder Shortcut**

You can assign a shortcut to any folder in your database. A folder shortcut lets you conveniently grab information from another application and save it as a new note in the folder.

#### To assign a shortcut to a folder:

- 1. Select a folder in the folders drawer.
- Choose Folder > Edit Shortcut, or click the Action button at the bottom of the folders drawer and choose Edit Shortcut.
- 3. Click the Action pop-up menu to assign an action to the shortcut. The various actions that you can assign to a folder shortcut are listed in TABLE 5. "Folder Action Definitions".

**TABLE 5. Folder Action Definitions** 

Action	Definition
No Action	The selected folder will not appear in the StickyBrain Grab To menus.
Grab Selection	This action will grab the selection from the current application and save it as a new note in the folder.
Grab Selection (No Style)	This action will grab the selection from the current application and save it as plain text in a new note in the folder using the default font of the folder.

4. Enter a new hot key (this is optional). Click Clear to delete the existing hot key. A hot key is a special key combination that executes the action assigned to the shortcut. An example hot key is Command-Option-B.

# Invoke A Shortcut Via The StickyBrain Contextual Menu

Mac OS X provides a system-wide contextual menu system that can be accessed in any application that supports it. The contextual menu system works by displaying a pop-up menu of context-sensitive commands. The contextual menu is invoked in applications by control-clicking or right-clicking on text, graphics, etc.

**Note:** It should be noted that some applications use their own contextual menu systems which are not compatible with the standard Mac OS X contextual menu system. The StickyBrain contextual menu will not work in such cases. This is not a deficiency of the StickyBrain contextual menu since those are custom and private systems. Fortunately, StickyBrain provides alternative methods for invoking shortcuts such as the StickyBrain services menu and hot keys.

#### To access the StickyBrain contextual menu in another application:

The StickyBrain contextual menu can be accessed in any application that supports the Mac OS X contextual menu system. The contextual menu will only show StickyBrain shortcuts that are applicable to the task at hand. For example, if you have text selected in your word processor and you access the contextual menu, you will see StickyBrain shortcuts to grab the text, search for the text in StickyBrain, etc.

- 1. Switch to another application such as a word processor, web browser, e-mail client, etc.
- 2. Select some text, graphics, etc. that you wish to grab or place the text cursor where you'd like to paste a note.
- 3. Hold down the control key and click to access the contextual menu. If you have a two button mouse, you can right-click to access the contextual menu.



4. Choose a shortcut in the StickyBrain, StickyBrain Grab To, or StickyBrain Paste From sub-menus. Some of these sub-menus may not appear if it doesn't make sense contextually. For example, if you don't have anything selected, the StickyBrain Grab To sub-menu won't appear.

# **Invoke A Shortcut Via The StickyBrain Services Menu**

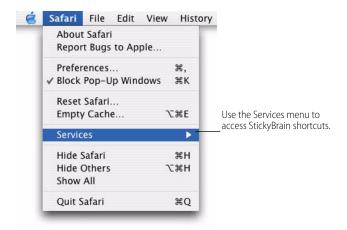
Mac OS X provides a system-wide Services menu that can be accessed in any application that supports it. The Services menu is located in every application's application menu. The Services menu works by displaying context-sensitive commands provided by different applications including StickyBrain.

**Note:** Not all Mac OS X applications support the Services menu. If all of the menu items in the Services menu are disabled despite a text or graphics selection in an application, this usually indicates the application doesn't support the Services menu. If an application does not support the Services menu, then the StickyBrain Service menu will not work. This is not a deficiency of StickyBrain. Fortunately, StickyBrain provides alternative methods for invoking shortcuts such as the StickyBrain contextual menu and hot keys.

#### To access the StickyBrain service in another application:

The StickyBrain service menu can be accessed in any application that supports services. For more information on application services, switch to the Finder and choose Help > Mac Help.

- 1. Switch to another application such as a word processor, web browser, e-mail client, etc.
- 2. Select some text, graphics, etc. that you wish to grab or place the text cursor where you'd like to paste a note.
- **3.** Choose Application Menu > Services, where Application Menu is the name of the application you're currently in.
- 4. Choose a shortcut in the StickyBrain, StickyBrain Grab To, or StickyBrain Paste From sub-menus. The menu items in some of these sub-menus may be disabled if it doesn't make sense contextually. For example, if you don't have anything selected, the menu items in the StickyBrain Grab To sub-menu will be disabled.



# **Invoke a Shortcut Via A Hot Key**

StickyBrain hot keys are similar to the keyboard shortcuts used in almost every Macintosh application. A hot key is a special key combination that performs a shortcut. Each shortcut in StickyBrain can be assigned an optional hot key to quickly and easily invoke the shortcut without taking your hands off the keyboard. Using a hot key is also useful for those applications that don't support contextual menus or the Services menu.

#### To invoke a shortcut using a hot key:

1. Press the keys that comprise the hot key. For example, hold down the Command key and the Option key then press B if the hot key is Command-Option-B.

# **Shortcuts In Action**

The StickyBrain shortcuts are divided into three categories in the contextual and Services menus: StickyBrain, StickyBrain Grab To, and StickyBrain Paste From. This section will describe what each shortcut does and how to use it.

#### StickyBrain > Launch

This shortcut will launch StickyBrain. This shortcut is only available in the Services menu.

#### To use Launch:

1. Choose StickyBrain > Launch from the Services menu. StickyBrain will launch if it isn't running or will bring StickyBrain to the foreground if it's already running.

### StickyBrain > Lookup Password

This shortcut can easily save and retrieve internet passwords. For example, suppose that you've just created an account on eBay which requires a user name and password whenever you log in. Rather than try to remember your user name and password, you can have StickyBrain do it for you.

### To use Lookup Password:

- 1. Launch your web browser and open the web page where you normally enter your user name and password.
- 2. Make sure that the address of the page is selected in the browser window.
- 3. Choose StickyBrain > Lookup Password from either the contextual or Services menu.
- 4. StickyBrain will search your Passwords folder for a note matching the web address.
- 5. If StickyBrain locates a matching note, it will open the note in the FlashNote window so you can access your user name and password. For more information on FlashNote see Chapter 7 *FlashNote* on page 39.
- 6. If StickyBrain doesn't locate a note for the web page, StickyBrain will open if it's not already running and create a new note for the web address. You can then enter your user name and password for that web page and save them for future reference.

### StickyBrain > Save in Receipts

This shortcut is used to store web receipts and other similar information in the Receipts folder.

### To use Save in Receipts:

- 1. Select the receipt or other similar content you want to save into the Receipts folder.
- 2. Choose StickyBrain > Save in Receipts from either the contextual or Services menu. StickyBrain will save the selected content as a new note in the Receipts folder.

### StickyBrain > Search

This shortcut will allow you to search for text in StickyBrain from selected text in another application.

#### To use Search:

- 1. Select a word or phrase in an application.
- 2. Choose StickyBrain > Search from either the contextual or Services menu. FlashNote will open and immediately search for the selected word or phrase. For more information on using FlashNote see Chapter 7 FlashNote on page 39.

### **StickyBrain Grab To**

The StickyBrain Grab To shortcut will allow you to grab content from other applications into StickyBrain. The StickyBrain Grab To menu will list the folders and notes that have been assigned the action Grab Text or Grab Text (No Style). For notes, the menu will list the name of the note along with the name of the folder the note is assigned to. For folders, the menu will list the name of the folder.

#### To grab content from another application:

- 1. Select the content you want to grab from the application you're working in.
- 2. Choose StickyBrain Grab from the contextual or Services menu.
- 3. Choose a folder or note from the menu. If a note is chosen the selected content will be appended to the end of the note. If a folder is chosen the selected content will be saved as a new note in the folder.

StickyBrain will play the grab selection sound when content is being grabbed. You can change the grab selection sound or turn it off in the Shortcuts preferences (StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Shortcuts button).

### **StickyBrain Paste From**

The StickyBrain Paste From shortcut will allow you to paste frequently used notes into other applications. The StickyBrain Paste From shortcut will list the notes that have assigned the action Paste Note or Paste Note (No Style).

### To paste a note into another application:

- 1. Place the cursor where you want a note pasted.
- 2. Choose StickyBrain Paste From from the contextual or Services menu.
- 3. Choose a note that you want to paste into the application.

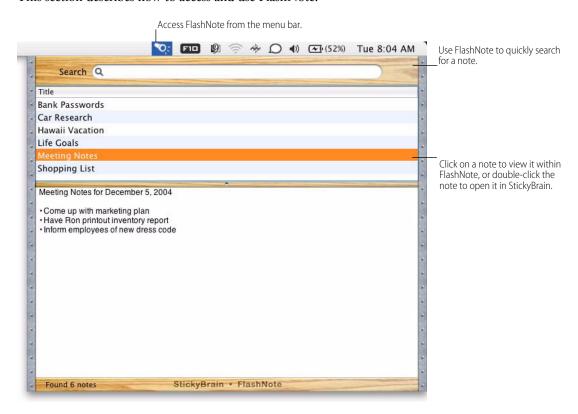
StickyBrain will play the paste note sound when it is pasting the note into the target application. You can change the paste note sound or turn it off in the Shortcuts preferences (StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Shortcuts button).

# **FlashNote**

Located in the menu bar, FlashNote is a powerful feature that lets you search and view notes whether StickyBrain is running or not. It also works in conjunction with other features such as the Lookup Passwords and Search shortcuts. For more information on these shortcuts see Chapter 6 *Shortcuts* on page 33.

### **FlashNote**

This section describes how to access and use FlashNote.



#### To access FlashNote:

FlashNote can be accessed one of several ways:

- Click the FlashNote menu bar icon.
- Press the FlashNote hot key. The FlashNote hotkey can be setup in the Services preferences (StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Services button).
- Use either the Password Lookup or Search shortcuts. For more information on using the Password Lookup and Search shortcuts see Chapter 6 *Shortcuts* on page 33.

#### To use FlashNote:

When you access FlashNote, it will display all of the notes in the StickyBrain database. You can use the search field to search for a note, or you can browse your notes individually. Double-clicking a note will launch Sticky-Brain if it's not running and open the note. In addition, the contents of a note in the FlashNote window can be

copied and pasted into other applications. Notes can't be edited in the FlashNote window.

### To change the FlashNote window style:

The FlashNote window can have one of several different window styles applied to it.

- 1. Choose StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Services button.
- 2. Click the Window style button and choose a new window style.

#### To close the FlashNote window:

The FlashNote window will automatically close if you double-click a note to open it in StickyBrain or if you click anywhere outside of the FlashNote window. Otherwise, you can use one of the following options to close the FlashNote window:

- Click the FlashNote menu bar icon.
- Press the escape key.
- Press the FlashNote hot key.

### To remove FlashNote from the menu bar:

- 1. Choose StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Services button.
- 2. Deselect the Show in menu bar button.

# StickyBrain Widget

The StickyBrain widget lets you search and view notes using Apple's Dashboard feature, which is available in Mac OS X 10.4 Tiger and above. To learn more about Dashboard, visit http://www.apple.com.

## **StickyBrain**

This section describes how to use the StickyBrain widget.



### To use the StickyBrain widget:

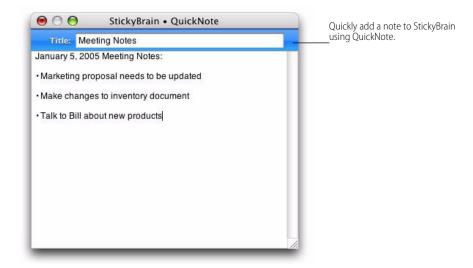
The StickyBrain widget will display all of the notes in the StickyBrain database. You can use the search field to search for a note, or you can browse your notes individually. In addition, the contents of a note in the StickyBrain widget window can be copied and pasted into other applications. Notes can't be edited in the StickyBrain widget window.

# QuickNote

QuickNote provides a fast and easy way to add a note from within any application whether StickyBrain is running or not.

## QuickNote

This section describes how to access and use QuickNote.



### To access QuickNote:

1. Press the QuickNote hot key. The QuickNote hot key can be setup in the Services preferences (StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Services button).

#### To use QuickNote:

When you access QuickNote, the QuickNote window will appear on your screen. You can use this window to add a note into StickyBrain. To save the note either close the QuickNote window or press Command-S. By default the note will be saved into the Unfiled folder. You can change the default folder notes are saved into in the Services preferences (StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Services button). The window style that is used for the QuickNote window is the same one used for the FlashNote window. For more information on FlashNote see Chapter 7 *FlashNote* on page 39.

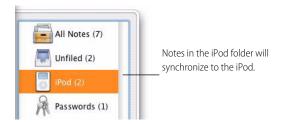
### To make the QuickNote window float:

The QuickNote window can be made to float in the foreground of your computer screen to prevent it from being hidden by other windows.

- 1. Choose StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Services button.
- 2. Select Make Floating in the QuickNote section.

# iPod Synchronization

Notes in StickyBrain can be synchronized with your iPod or iPod mini (hereafter referred collectively as iPod). This makes it possible to take some or all of your notes with you on the road. All of the notes in your iPod folder are automatically synced to your iPod whenever you perform a synchronization.



This chapter will describe how to make sure your iPod is setup for synchronization and will describe how to perform a synchronization.

## iPod Requirements And Setup

iPod synchronization requires a third generation iPod (3G) or newer, or an iPod Mini. See Apple's web site or your iPod manual to find out what generation of iPod you have. In order for StickyBrain to synchronize notes to the iPod, the iPod must be setup as a hard disk.

#### To setup the iPod as a hard disk:

- Open iTunes.
- Choose your iPod in the iTunes Source list.
- 3. Click the Options button to open the iPod Preferences window.
- 4. Select "Enable disk use" or "Manually manage songs and playlists". Either one will allow you to use your iPod as a hard disk.

Refer to iTunes help for more information on using an iPod as a hard disk.

## **Perform A Synchronization**

Once you have completed the iPod setup, you are ready to synchronize.

### To synchronize notes in StickyBrain to an iPod:

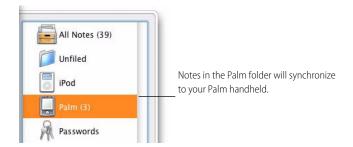
Notes that are assigned to the iPod folder will synchronize to the iPod.

1. Choose File > Sync Notes to iPod, or click iPod Sync in the toolbar.

The notes will be viewable on the iPod under Main Menu > Extras > Notes > StickyBrain.

# Palm Synchronization

Notes in StickyBrain can be synchronized with the Memo Pad application on a Palm handheld. This makes it possible to take some or all of your notes with you on the road. Notes in your Palm folder in StickyBrain are automatically synced to your Palm handheld whenever you synchronize.



This chapter will describe how to make sure your Palm handheld is set up for synchronization and will describe how to perform a synchronization.

## **Palm Requirements And Setup**

Palm synchronization requires certain hardware and software components.

### **Hardware Requirements**

Synchronization requires the following hardware:

- Palm handheld. Any Palm handheld device that is compatible with the Palm Desktop 4.2.1 software for Mac OS X. For a list of compatible Palm handheld units visit Palm's web site <a href="http://www.palm.com/macintosh/">http://www.palm.com/macintosh/</a>.
- Mac OS Computer. A USB port will need to be available so the cradle for the Palm handheld can be plugged into it unless you're using another connection method such as Bluetooth, etc.

### **Software Requirements**

You do not need any special software on your Palm handheld since its synchronization software is built-in. You will, however, need special software on your computer.

- StickyBrain version 3.1.0 or higher.
- HotSync software. StickyBrain supports the HotSync software provided by Palm and Mark/Space. The HotSync software provided by Palm is FREE, whereas the synchronization software provided by Mark/Space is not free. You may decide which HotSync software you would like to use.
  - Palm's HotSync Manager and Conduit Manager software commonly known as the Palm Desktop software. Version 4.2.1or higher is required if you choose this option.
  - The Missing Sync for Palm OS by Mark/Space. Version 4.0.2 or higher is required if you choose this
    option.
- StickyBrain Conduit. A conduit is the software component that your above HotSync choice uses to synchronize your Palm's data with StickyBrain.

### **Palm Setup**

#### To set up your Palm handheld to sync with StickyBrain:

- 1. Install and configure the HotSync software you chose to go with. For information on configuring the HotSync software see the web site of either Palm or Mark/Space.
  - The Palm Desktop software can be found at <a href="http://www.palm.com/macintosh/">http://www.palm.com/macintosh/</a>>.
  - The Missing Sync for Palm OS can be found at <a href="http://www.markspace.com/">http://www.markspace.com/</a>>.
- 2. Install the StickyBrain Conduit. Skip this step if the StickyBrain installer installed the StickyBrain Conduit for you. The StickyBrain Conduit needs to be installed in the "Conduits" folder. The StickyBrain Conduit is located in the following location: /Applications/StickyBrain/Support/. The Conduits folder is located in the following location: /Library/Application Support/Palm HotSync/Conduits/.
- 3. Remove the "Memo Conduit" from the "Conduits" folder. This conduit is for synchronizing with the Palm Desktop and if its not removed, unexpected and incorrect synchronization will result.
- 4. Disable or remove from the "Conduits" folder of any conduit that synchronizes with the Memo application on the Palm handheld. If two or more conduits try to sync with the Memo application, unexpected and incorrect synchronization will result. For information on disabling the Memo sync portion of an application's conduit refer to their help system.

### StickyBrain Setup

### To set up StickyBrain to sync with the Palm:

- 1. Launch StickyBrain.
- Drag any note(s) to the Palm folder that you want synced to the Memo Pad application on your Palm handheld.

## **Perform Sync**

Once you have completed the installation and setup steps, you are ready to synchronize. Follow the steps below to synchronize.

- Place your Palm handheld in its cradle.
- 2. Press the HotSync button on the cradle. StickyBrain does not need to be open when you perform a sync. A progress dialog will appear and your data will be synchronized. If you experience a problem, check the HotSync log.

For information on where and what notes are synchronized see Synchronization Information on page 46.

## **HotSync Log**

Detailed information about the success of a sync is stored in the HotSync Manager's log. You typically will not receive an error message on your computer screen during a sync, so you will need to refer to this log in order to find out if an error or problem occurred. You should include a copy of the log, which you should copy/paste into any e-mail support correspondence to Chronos. For a list of common error messages see TABLE 6. "Log Error Messages".

### To access the HotSync log for the Palm or Mark/Space HotSync software:

- Launch the HotSync Manager application and choose HotSync > View Log. The HotSync Manager application is located in the "Palm" folder inside the "Applications" folder.
- Launch the "Missing Sync for Palm OS" application and choose Window > Sync Log. The Missing Sync for Palm OS application is located in the "Missing Sync for Palm OS" folder inside the "Applications" fold-

er.

**TABLE 6. Log Error Messages** 

Error	Definition
Note exceeds 4K limit	The Memo Pad application on certain Palm handhelds limit notes to 4K in size, whereas StickyBrain does not have any restrictions on note size. If a note is larger than 4K and is added to the Palm folder, the StickyBrain Conduit will not sync the note and it will log the title of the note after the error message in the HotSync log.
Note exceeds 32K limit	The Memo Pad application on certain Palm handhelds limit notes to 32K in size, whereas StickyBrain does not have any restrictions on note size. If a note is larger than 32K and is added to the Palm folder, the StickyBrain Conduit will not sync the note and it will log the title of the note after the error message in the HotSync log.
Error Connecting To DB	This error message will occur if the StickyBrain database has not been created, not online, or is inaccessible for any other reason. To resolve this issue launch StickyBrain, which will either create the database or bring it online.

# **Synchronization Information**

This section will provide information on the synchronization process between StickyBrain and the Memo Pad application on the Palm handheld. This information details what notes are synchronized and where the notes are synchronized to.

### StickyBrain To Palm

Notes that are assigned to the Palm folder in StickyBrain will synchronize to the "Unfiled" category in the Memo Pad application on the Palm handheld. Once a note has been synchronized from StickyBrain to the Memo Pad application, it can then be assigned to any category in the Memo application that you would like.

TABLE 7. Note Mappings (StickyBrain To Palm)

StickyBrain	Palm
(a) Note Title and (b) Note combined	Memo
Palm folder	Unfiled category

### **Palm To StickyBrain**

Memos that are assigned to any category in the Memo application on the Palm handheld will synchronize to the "Palm" folder in StickyBrain. Once a memo has been synchronized from the Memo application to StickyBrain, it can then be ADDED to any folder in StickyBrain that you would like provided that it remains assigned to the Palm folder as well. For more information on adding a note to more than one folder see Chapter 3 *Creating and* 

Working with Notes on page 23.

TABLE 8. Memo Mappings (Palm To StickyBrain)

Palm	StickyBrain
Memo	(a) Memo Title, First line of memo becomes Note Title (b) Note
Category	Palm folder

## **Reset Palm Syncing**

There may come a time when you will need or want to "start over" with Palm syncing. This can occur if you have acquired a new Palm handheld, information has stopped syncing, or something else is causing the sync not to work correctly between StickyBrain and the Memo Pad application on the Palm handheld.

### To reset Palm syncing between StickyBrain and the Memo Pad application:

- 1. Hold down the "Control" key on the keyboard.
- 2. Perform a HotSync. Leave the Control key held down throughout the entire HotSync process.

This will cause all the notes in the Palm folder in StickyBrain to synchronize to the Memo Pad application on the Palm handheld, and all the memos in the Memo Pad application to synchronize to the Palm folder in StickyBrain. This operation may result in duplicate notes being created in StickyBrain and on your Palm handheld. If duplicates are created, remove the duplicates from either the Memo Pad application or StickyBrain (but not both) and then perform another HotSync.

# **Printing**

You can print note one at a time or several notes at once. This chapter will discuss how to setup notes for printing and how to print notes.

## **Print Setup**

Every note has a set of margins that are used when a note is printed. This section will describe how to change these margins if desired. This section will also describe how to disable the printing of the background (textures, pictures, etc.) if so desired.

#### To set the margins for a note:

- 1. Select a note.
- Choose Note > Note Info, and click the Margins tab to set the margin settings.

#### To set the default margins that will be used when a new note is created:

- 1. Choose StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the General button.
- 2. Click the Units pop-up menu and select a unit of measurement.
- 3. Enter each of the default margin settings you would like all newly created notes to use.

#### To enable or disable background printing:

StickyBrain lets you assign different backgrounds to notes such as colors, textures, or pictures. You can choose if the background should be printed with the note.

- 1. Choose StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the General button.
- 2. Enable or Disable the Print Background button.

## **Print Note(s)**

### To print a single note:

- 1. Select the note you wish to print.
- 2. Choose File > Print.

#### To print multiple notes:

- 1. Choose File > Print Notes. This will open the Print Notes dialog which has the following options:
  - Selected Notes. This option will print all notes that are selected.
  - All Open Notes. This option will print all opened notes.
  - All notes in the "name of folder" folder. This option will print all notes in the selected folder.
  - All Notes. This option will print all of your notes.
- 2. Select a print option from the Print Notes dialog.
- 3. Click OK.

# Miscellaneous

This chapter will describe how to import and export notes, create database backups, and manage the Service helper application that supports StickyBrain.

## **Import Notes**

StickyBrain can import RTF, RTFD, basic Microsoft Word (.doc)\*, HTML\*, and plain text files (hereafter, these file types will be referred to as text files). In addition, StickyBrain can import the sticky notes from Apple Stickies.

\* Does not support all formatting features.

### To import text file(s):

StickyBrain can import a single text file or a folder containing multiple text files.

- 1. Select a folder in the folders drawer that you would like the imported note(s) to be assigned to.
- 2. Choose File > Import Notes.
- 3. Select "A text or rich text file" from the Import dialog, then click OK.
- 4. Choose a folder that contains text files, or select an individual text file.
- 5. Click Open to import the file(s). A new note will be created for each text file that is imported in the selected folder.

### To import sticky notes from Apple Stickies:

- 1. Select a folder in the folders drawer that you would like the imported sticky note(s) to be assigned to.
- 2. Choose File > Import Notes, and then select "My Apple Stickies".
- 3. Click OK to import the sticky notes from Apple Stickies.

### **Export Notes**

StickyBrain can export notes to a rich text or plain text file. In addition, StickyBrain can export a whole folder of notes including any sub-folders of notes.

### To export note(s) to a text file:

- 1. Select the note(s) you wish to export. Hold down the shift key to select multiple contiguous notes. Hold down the command key to select multiple notes in a non-contiguous fashion.
- 2. Choose File > Export Notes.
- 3. If a single note is being exported, a save dialog will appear where you can choose the format and location for the exported note.
- 4. If multiple notes are being exported, select to have them exported to a single text file or individual text files (one file for each note). Then click OK and choose the format and location for the exported notes.
- 5. Type a name for the export file if you're exporting a single note or multiple notes into a single text file.
- **6.** Click Export to export the note(s).

#### To export a folder of notes:

- 1. Select a folder you wish to export.
- 2. Choose File > Export Notes.
- 3. Notes can be exported into a single text file or individual text files (one file for each note).
- 4. If the "Export notes in sub-folders" check box is selected, the notes in the selected folder and all of its sub-folders will be exported. If the notes are being exported as individual files, the folder hierarchy will be preserved.
- 5. Click OK. A save dialog will appear where you can choose the format and location for the exported notes.
- **6.** Click Export to export the folder of notes.

## **Database Backups**

StickyBrain can make regular backups of your StickyBrain database which contains all of your notes. This is a safety feature in case you inadvertently delete some important information and need to restore a backup file, which is very easy to do.

#### To set the backup preferences:

- 1. Choose StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Backups button.
- **2.** Set the various backup options:
  - Automatically perform backups. This option lets you choose how often StickyBrain should make a backup. By default, backups will be created on a daily basis.
  - Maximum number of backups to keep. Enter the maximum number of backups to keep. When a new
    backup file is created, the oldest backup file will be deleted so that the maximum number of backup files
    won't be exceeded. To permanently save a particular backup file, you must move it outside of the backup folder or it will eventually be deleted.
  - Location for backups. By default, backup files are saved in the directory: -/Library/Application Support/StickyBrain/Backups, where "-" denotes your home folder. Click Choose Backup Location to select a different backup folder.

### To manually make a backup of the StickyBrain database:

- Choose File > Backup All Notes.
- 2. Name the backup file and choose where it should be saved to.
- **3.** Click Save to save the backup file.

#### To undo all recent changes and return to a database backup:

- 1. Choose File > Restore All Notes.
- 2. Select a backup file from the Open dialog.
- 3. Click Open to restore the notes from the backup file.

Any new notes or information you've changed since the backup was created will be lost. Any deleted items will be recovered. If you want to keep the notes that are currently in the StickyBrain database you will need to export them to a text file and then later import them back into StickyBrain. For more information on importing and exporting see Chapter 13 *Miscellaneous* on page 49.

## .Mac Backup

If you have a .Mac account with Apple, StickyBrain can make a backup of the database to your iDisk, and then later restore the database backup. In addition, you can use your .Mac backup feature to move your database be-

tween multiple computers. In order to use the .Mac backup feature, you will need a .Mac account from Apple. For more information on obtaining a .Mac account see <a href="http://www.chronosnet.com/dotmacaccount.html">http://www.chronosnet.com/dotmacaccount.html</a>.

### To make a backup of your StickyBrain database to .Mac:

1. Choose File > Backup All Notes To .Mac, or click .Mac in the toolbar and click Back up to .Mac from the dialog.

A backup of the StickyBrain database will be created in the following directory on your iDisk: /Documents/ StickyBrain/

### To undo all recent changes and return to your last backed-up version on .Mac:

1. Choose File > Restore All Notes From .Mac, or click .Mac in the toolbar and click Restore from .Mac from the dialog. Any new notes or information you've changed since you last created a backup will be lost. Any deleted items will be recovered.

#### To move a database between multiple computers:

You can use the .Mac backup feature to move your StickyBrain database between multiple computers. Please note that moving your StickyBrain database between computers is different than synchronizing your data between computers. The following example will show you how to move your database between a home computer and a work computer.

Before you leave to work, sit down at your home computer and do the following:

- Launch StickyBrain.
- Choose File > Backup All Notes To .Mac, or click .Mac in the toolbar and click Back up to .Mac from the dialog.

Once you arrive at work, do the following on your work computer:

- 1. Launch StickyBrain.
- 2. Choose File > Restore All Notes From .Mac, or click .Mac in the toolbar and click Restore from .Mac from the dialog. This will replace the database on your work computer with the database from your home computer. Please note that restoring a backup does not synchronize your notes. Rather, it overwrites your notes with those in the backup.

When you're ready to take the database back to your home computer, do the previous steps again but this time you'll be starting out on your work computer instead of your home computer.

## **Service Preference**

StickyBrain has a helper application called StickyBrainService. This faceless background application is required in order to use the StickyBrain contextual and Services menus as well as FlashNote. The StickyBrainService application is automatically added to the Startup Items when you first launch StickyBrain. Under normal circumstances, you will never need to disable the StickyBrain Service application but should you ever need to, the Service preference allows you to enable or disable the StickyBrainService application and add it to the Startup Items.

### To enable or disable the StickyBrain Service application:

- 1. Choose StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Service button.
- 2. Enable or Disable the StickyBrain Service button.

### To add the StickyBrain Service to the Startup Items:

- 1. Choose StickyBrain > Preferences, and click the Service button.
- 2. Select the Enable at system startup button.