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Cool Ruler is a powerful measuring tool for Windows. It's simple and easy to use. Best of all, it's Free! Use if any way you like. Pass it around to your friends. All we ask is for you to visit our web site and see what other products we have to offer.

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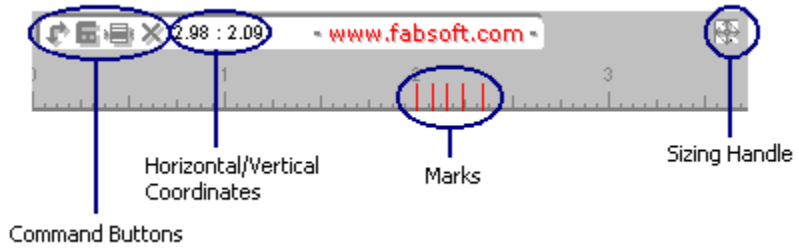
Features

Key Features

- Very easy to use with your existing programs.
- Measurements can be set for Inches, Pixels, Centimeters or Custom.
- Create as many rulers on your screen as you need.
- Selectable Scaling Factor: 100%, 75%, 50%, 25 or Custom.



Command Buttons

Flip between horizontal and vertical alignments.

Open a calculator.

Bring up the menu selections. (see Menu Commands)

Exit

Marks

You can place a mark by moving the cursor to the desired position on the ruler scale and left click.

Sizing Handle

This is where you can resize the ruler horizontally or vertically (depending on the ruler alignment).

See Also

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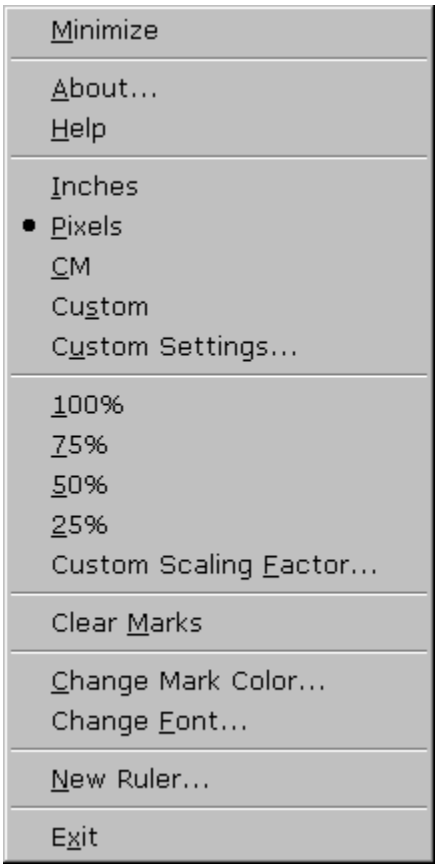

Minimize
Minimize the ruler.

Unit Measurements: Inches, Pixels, CM, Custom
Select one of the desired units of measurement: Inches, Pixels, Centimeters and Custom. Custom is the measurement that you can customize to fit your need (see Custom Settings...)

Scaling Factor: 100%, 75%, 50%, 25%, Custom
Select one of the scaling factors. For 1:1 select 100%. You can also set your own scaling factor by selecting Custom Scaling Factor (see Custom Scaling Factor).

Clear Marks
Cool Ruler allows you to place the marks on the ruler. As they become crowded, you can clear them by selecting this option.

Change Mark Color
This is where you can change the color of the marks placed on the ruler scale. (see Features)

Change Font
This is where you can change the font properties (typeface, size and color) of the ruler scale.

New Ruler
You can quickly bring up another instance of Cool Ruler by selecting this option.

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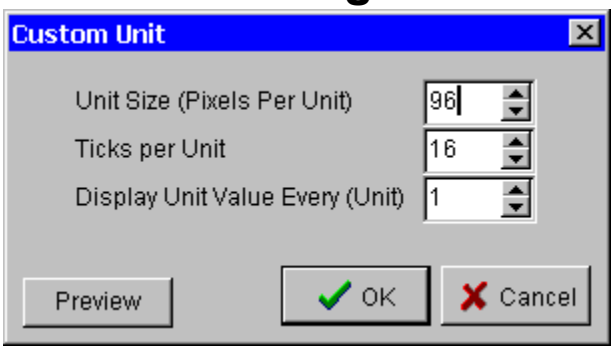
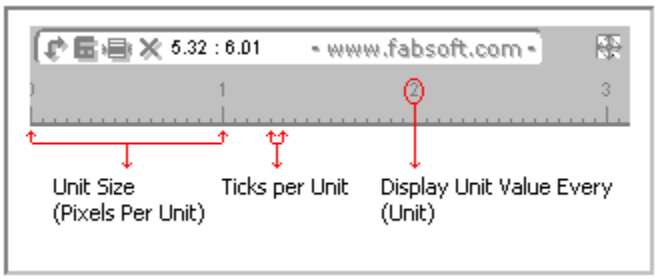
Custom Settings



Custom Unit Dialog allows you to define your own unit of measurement.



How Each Setting Affect the Custom Measurement

Unit Size

This indicates how many pixels there are per unit of measurement. The higher the number, the larger each unit gets. For example: if you specify 96 pixels per unit then you get the inches measurement.

Ticks per Unit

Specifies how many tick marks to display per unit. For example: if you specify 96 for Unit Size and you want to display 16 tick marks per unit then enter 16 as a value.

Display Unit Every

Specifies how frequent Cool Ruler displays the unit value. For example: if you specify 96 for Unit Size and 16 ticks per unit (above example) and you want to display the unit every 1 inch increment then enter 1 as a value.

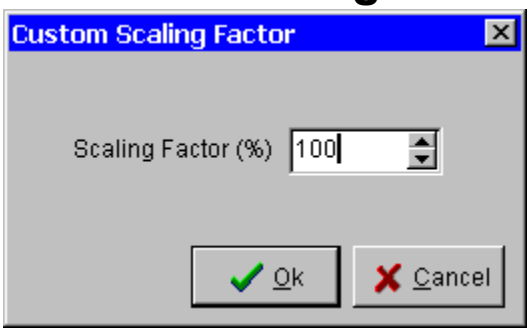
Preview

Every time you make a change to one of the settings you can preview the change by pressing this button.

Notes about the Measurements

We calculate the measurement based on pixels-per-inch reported by the Windows system itself. Thus, the measurement expressed on screen may or may not match the actual ruler. Due to the variation of monitor sizes and their qualities, you cannot simply compare this with an actual ruler. For, example a 13" monitor will have a much smaller inches display than 20" monitor of the same resolution. If you want your display to reflect the actual measurement, you may use the horizontal/vertical calibrations of your monitor to match up your display dimensions to the actual ruler. Keep in mind that most of the monitors exhibit a slight distortion around the edge of the display area. So, even if you adjust your monitor to reflect the actual measurement, your monitor may not be able to maintain the correct measurement throughout the display area.

Custom Scaling Factor



View Scale Dialog

This is where you can specify your own scaling factor. The value is expressed in percentage. Press Ok to confirm the change, Cancel to cancel and restore the old scaling factor value.

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