

# FreeGrid 0.3 user guide

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Thank you for trying this freeware. For comments, see the title *Contacting the developer* at the end of this document.

## 1. Requirements and installation

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### **Requirements**

FreeGrid will run on PalmOS 3.1 and newer. The screen can have colors or not.

### **Installation**

Simply install the FreeGrid.prc file found in the .zip package.

## 2. Editing a sheet

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### **Entering text**

To modify the content of a cell, tap on this cell. A cursor appears at the end of the text, and you can edit using *Graffiti*. When you're finished, enter a carriage return or simply tap outside the cell.

### **Modifying cell colors**

To access the cell menu, tap one time on the cell to enter the edit mode, and a second time in the same cell to view the cell menu. From there, you can set a color for the cell or the text.

### **Copy and paste between cells**

Proceed exactly as before to reach the cell menu, and tap on the *Copy cell* option to copy the current cell attributes in the edit buffer. To paste in another cell, tap two times on the destination cell and choose *Paste cell*. If you select *Delete cell*, the content of the cell will be simply deleted.

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## 3. Navigating

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### **Scrolling in a sheet**

When you're not in edit mode, the letters side of the *Graffiti* area becomes the scrolling area. Tap on the left part of the area to scroll left, on the upper part to scroll up, etc.

- x Note that you can't scroll in edit mode (when you're editing a cell) because the *Graffiti* area is used to enter text.

### **Scrolling between sheets**

To go from one sheet to another, use PageUp/PageDown buttons or the jog on Sony Clié handhelds.

## 4. Managing your sheets

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### **Start a new sheet**

When you first enter the application, there's only a blank sheet, on the page 1 (the page number is located in the upper left corner).

If you start the application and you already have saved sheets in the database, the program starts on the last page. Then you can press PageUp to see other saved sheets, or PageDown to start a new sheet.

### **Saving your sheet**

The sheet is always saved automatically when you change of sheet or when you quit.

### **Deleting a sheet**

To delete a sheet, scroll until you reach this sheet, and select **Delete** from the menu bar. The sheet is then deleted and you end up on the next page.

- x Note that a deleted sheet cannot be restored. It is recommended to be careful when deleting, especially because there's no confirmation message.

## Copying a sheet

If you want to make a conform copy of your sheet, scroll until you reach it, and select **Copy** from the menu bar. The current sheet is then copied on the last page, where you end up.

- x Note that if you modified the sheet before to copy it, the modifications apply only to the copied sheet. The original sheet will stay unchanged. If you want to avoid it, save first by scrolling to another page, and come back to the sheet you want to copy.

## 5. Importing from MemoPad

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FreeGrid supports the CSV file format for importing from your desktop spreadsheet editor. The CSV (Comma Separated Values) format is a text file that can be used by most spreadsheet editors, so there's a good change you can take advantage of this feature.

Here are the four quick steps needed to import your sheet :

1. Save your sheet in CSV format on your desktop. You have to be sure that your software saves with (,) as separator and (") as text delimiter.
  2. Import the file content in your MemoPad with your sync software. The way to do this could differ from one OS to another. Take a look at the user guide provided with your software.
  3. When you're in FreeGrid, go on a blank page (its content will be deleted) and choose *Import CSV* from the main menu, and choose *Continue*.
  4. FreeGrid will then try to load every entries in the MemoPad. Tap *Next* until you reach your sheet. Then tap *OK*. The sheet is now imported, and you can then delete it in the MemoPad.
- Note : When you create a sheet on your desktop computer, don't forget that it's going to fit on a very small screen compared to the computer's one. Also don't forget the limitation of 26 columns and 30 lines. If your sheet is bigger than that, the final result may not look as expected.

## 6. Contacting the developer

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Your feedbacks are really appreciated !

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