

## Back Drop Configuration via the control panel

Various aspects of BackDrop can be configured using the control panel. Run the control panel and double click on Backdrop. The following dialogue box appears, select an area of interest.

The image shows a dialog box titled "Backdrop Configuration Editor" with several sections for configuring the software's appearance and behavior.

- Menu popup:** Radio buttons for "Left Button" and "Right Button". "Right Button" is selected.
- Region Selection:** Radio buttons for "Select Visible" and "Select All". "Select All" is selected.
- Line Drawing:** Radio buttons for "Mechanism" (Default, Fast Frame) and "Line Thickness" (One Pixel, Two Pixels). "Fast Frame" and "Two Pixels" are selected.
- Spacing:** Four spinners for "X Offset" (5), "Y Offset" (4), "X Space" (38), and "Y Space" (38).
- Auto Test:** Radio buttons for "None", "Snap", and "Arrange". "None" is selected.
- Gravity:** Checkboxes for "Auto Deselect" and "Hot Keys", both checked. Radio buttons for "Top", "Left", "Bottom", and "Right". "Top" is selected.
- Drag Sensitivity:** A spinner between "High" and "Low".
- Caption:** A spinner for "Max Width" (20) and a "Font" button.

Buttons for "OK", "OK & Restore", and "Cancel" are located on the right side of the dialog.

## **Menu Button**

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Choose which button brings up the menu for an alias/tool.

## **Region Selection**

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*Select Visible*

When dragging a rectangle around aliases/tools only those whose centres are visible will be selected

*Select All*

All aliases/tools within the rectangle will be selected even if they are obscured by other aliases/tools or windows

## **Spacing**

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<i>X Offset</i>	An offset from the left edge of the screen, its magnitude will vary depending on X Space
<i>Y Offset</i>	An offset from the top edge of the screen, its magnitude will vary depending on Y Space
<i>X Space</i>	The X spacing between aliases/tools.
<i>Y Space</i>	The Y spacing between aliases/tools.

**Auto Test**

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<i>None</i>	Do don't move aliases/tools.
<i>Snap</i>	Snap aliases/tools to grid, and re-snap after any offset or spacing change.
<i>Arrange</i>	Arrange aliases/tools, and re-arrange after any offset or spacing change

**Caption**

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*Max Width*

The maximum number of characters before the text contained within a caption is wrapped onto the next line.

*Font*

The default font used for tools

## **Line drawing**

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Default      Normal GDI line drawing functions (Best compatibility)

Fast Frame    Faster GDI calls and better inversion of lines

One Pixel     one pixel outline thickness

Two Pixels    two pixel outline thickness

## **Gravity**

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Edge aliases/tools are arranged on.



**Drag Sensitivity**

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Determines the sensitivity of dragging. High sensitivity causes aliases/tools to move easily. Low sensitivity requires a large initial movement before an alias/tool will move.

## **Auto Deselect**

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When a new alias/tool is selected (without the shift key pressed) other aliases/tools automatically get deselected, however when other applications get activated they do not. This is useful if you wish to perform actions upon selected aliases from BackMenu etc.

However if you wish the aliases to represent their activation state (focus etc.) more faithfully they have this option set, it will become impossible to perform selected only actions from BackMenu as the aliases get deselected when BackMenu becomes active.

## **Hot Keys**

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Enable or disable the system-wide hot-keys used for controlling aliases and tools.

## **OK, OK and Restore**

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The OK button accepts all of the settings you've fiddled with. OK and Restore does the same except it moves all aliases and tools back to their original locations (useful if you've been using the auto test for layout).

