Quicksilver Procrastinating Efficiently

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Getting the Application Preference Settings

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Notes About Installation

- Quicksilver can be found at http://quicksilver.blacktree.com
- While working through the tutorial, some plugins will be needed. You **must** be hooked up to the internet for this to work, because the plugins are loaded on demand.

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Application Preferences

• Set your overall application preferences to

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Application	Application Laurch, visibility, and update settings
Calculator Calculator Catalog Clipboard Command Email Options	✓ Start at login ✓ Warn before quitting ○ ✓ Enable advanced features Beta ● Hide menu bar and dock icon ✓ Enable dock icon
 Handlers ITunes Plug-ins 	© Include full menu
₹ Triggers	Check for updates: Weekly Now Beta versions check at least weekly regardless of these sattings. Download updates in the background Install updates without asking Watch for: Final Releases
	Current version:
	Run Setup (Reset Preferences) (Uninstall Quicksliver)

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Command Preferences

• Set your command preferences to

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Application Actions	Command Activation and Matching options	?
Calculator Catalog	HotKey Activation: NC#Space Edit Modifier-only Activation: Off	
Email Options Extras Handlers	Hide if pressed when already visible Alternate Services Menu Key:	
🚮 iTunes 🚖 Plug-ins	Row Height: 34 0 Show children split view	۲
X Triggers	Show other matches Delayed	
	Switch to text mode if no match is found	
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Plug-in Preferences I

• Set the plug-in preferences to Recommended

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Application	Control plug-in loading and preferences		?
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Clipboard	✓ ● Plug-ins	▲ V.	Updated
Q Command	Abracadabra Triggers (β)	DB	02/05/06 🔺
Email Options	AcidSearch Queries	33	01/06/06 🝸
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	Bluetooth Module (β)	27	01/06/06
	Calculator Module	1.3	03/25/06
	🚖 Camino Module	95	01/06/06
	- Chat Support	4A	01/06/06
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	ELIX Module	36	01/06/06
	Glutter Artwork	28	01/06/06
	Command Line Tool (qs)	0.6	01/06/06
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Plug-in Preferences II

• Turn these on (leave in the Recommended, first...)

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Application	Control plug-in loading and preferences	(
Calculator Catalog	Installed Plug-ins	All Categories
Clipboard	✓ ● Plug-ins	▲ v. Updated
Command	🗹 🔹 📔 Apple Address Book Module	117 01/06/06
Email Options	🗹 🔹 🔊 Apple Mail Module	FC 01/06/06
Extras	🥑 🔹 🌞 Bezel Interface	918 01/06/06
3) Handlers	✓ Alculator Module	1.3 03/25/06
El iTunes	 Clipboard Module 	B8 01/06/06
Plug_ins	🗹 \land 🔟 Dictionary Module	1.1.4 01/06/06
Triggers	 HotKey Triggers 	978 01/06/06
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	🗹 🔸 👰 Keychain Module	135 01/13/06
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	V + Primer Interface	A27 01/06/06
	🗹 🔹 🔞 Safari Module	118 01/06/06
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Invoke, Type, Hit Return

- Finds applications right pane says Open
- Finds addresses right pane says Show Contact
- Finds Safari bookmarks right pane says Open URL
- Finds Preference Panes right pane says Open
- Finds Finder Objects (files, folders) right pane says Open



- Hitting Enter picks the top pick with the default action
- Pausing causes a list of possibilities to appear
 - Navigate the list with arrows
- Letters need not be consecutive in words (useful)

Getting Started Simple Usage with Common Applications Text Entry Tricks Triggers

Second Impression: QS Sentences

- Really works with sentences: Noun Verb Object
 - Object is often not needed we'll see it's usage soon
- The second pane contains the verb, or action
- The possible actions depend on the object chosen
 - Just as "bowling ball \rightarrow roll" would be OK, but "bowling ball \rightarrow eat" would be rather silly.
- How can extra actions be seen with same object?

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Generic Actions: Invoke, Type, Hit Tab

- The tab key moves one pane to the next pane to the right
- After hitting tab, arrow keys browse possible actions with that type of object
 - These depend only on the *type* of object, and not on the *particular* object.
- Useful for finding files
 - Reveal, for instance (we'll use others soon...)

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Invoke, Type, Hit Right Arrow

- Right arrow invokes browsing object-specific actions
 - Navigate list with arrow keys
- Behavior is different from application to application
 - iTunes has many worthwhile options
 - Mail finds local folders
 - iCal does nothing
- When working with applications, this requires exploration

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Finding Files

- At first, this is somewhat limited
 - Finds objects in Home, Documents, and on the Desktop
 - Go to home with ~
 - Go to root with /
- Can navigate hierarchy easily, though
 - Right arrow or / to go into a folder
 - Left arrow to go up one level

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Manipulating Files

- Hit the Tab key to find actions for Finder objects
- Useful things
 - Move files
 - Copy files
 - Delete files
 - Attach to email
 - Put on shelf of commonly used objects
- Not bad (but requires some knowledge of file structure)

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Working with iTunes

- Invoke, right arrow
 - Can start playlists
 - Can look through song data
- This is good, too, but there will be more!

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Working with Address Book

- Invoke by typing a name
- Right arrow reveals address book info
- Tab to see other actions
 - Can send email
 - Can view phone number in Big Type so that it is visible when dialing
 - Can copy to clipboard for use in a document
 - Can add a note to a contact!

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Working with TextEdit

- Invoke, right arrow
 - Reveals recent items
- Typical for many applications
- Not so impressive

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Getting Started Simple Usage with Common Application **Text Entry Tricks** Triggers

Working with Text Entry

- Many of the additional actions require text passed on QS
- Text entry is invoked by invoking QS, and then hitting period .
- Type in the text input box
- Send the result to an application

Getting Started Simple Usage with Common Applications **Text Entry Tricks** Triggers

Text Entry for iCal Todos and Events

- Enter text as date time -- subject to add a dated event
- Tab to second pane
- Type ical
 - Aha! Can add events or to dos!
- Pick what you want to add, hit enter

Getting Started Simple Usage with Common Application: Text Entry Tricks Triggers

Looking Up Words

- Invoke text entry
- Type word (try "procrastinate")
- Tab to action, type dict
- Can try typing thesaurus
 - Can then get lost double-clicking words...

Use

Tweaks

Getting Started Simple Usage with Common Applications Text Entry Tricks Triggers

Simple Calculator: Setup

• First set the preferences to use usual algebraic rules:

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Application Actions Appearance	Calculator Calculator Options
Calculator Calculator Calculator Caboard Command Command Email Options XExtras Command Inces Handlers Inces Plug-ins Plug-ins Triggers	Results display: O befault © Large Type Notification Calculator: O bc (default) O dc (rpn) View man page
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Setup Use Tweaks Text Entry Tricks Triggers

Simple Calculator: Use

- Invoke text entry, hit =
- Enter calculations to do
- Hit enter answer is (by default) in big print to read off.

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QS and Spotlight

- Invoke text entry, hit Tab
- Start typing Spotlight

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What Are Triggers?		

- Triggers are simply keyboard shortcuts which trigger actions
- These can range from simple to complex

Setup Use Tweaks Built-in Triggers: iTunes

- Can easily assign keystrokes for pausing iTunes
- Check the command to turn it on
- Click the trigger to assign a shortcut key

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Custom Triggers

- Click the + button at the bottom of the screen
- Enter a noun, verb, and (possibly) object
- Can use for shortcuts to applications
 - I find it easier to type the name, so that I don't clutter my clogged brain with yet more keyboard shortcuts
 - Anyone else remember Word-Perfect on PeeCees?

Use Tweaks Setup Getting Started Use Simple Usage with Common Applications Text Entry Tricks Triggers

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Appending Text to Files

- Make a new file to hold your scraps
- Make a new trigger which has the file as the noun, and Append Text... as the verb
- Save, and give a keystroke

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What is the Catalog?

• The catalog is the place that holds objects which QS can find

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Application	Catalog	?
Calculator	Rescan catalog: Every half hour	
Catalog	Sources	Count 🗸
Command	▶ 🖗 Applications	205 🗹
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S Extras	Quicksilver	66 🗹
Handlers	Scripts	57 🗹
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Triggers	V Custom	8906 🗹
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	Dia Add-ons	1895 🗹
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Catalog Items

- Each item has a location (a folder) and a depth (how many tiers down in the folder QS will look
 - Take a look at the Applications item, for example
- QS has some default locations where it looks for finder objects
 - It has some virtual objects, too...
- Adding items (and adding depth) will increase the number of items QS can find, but will also slow QS down

Adding to the Catalog

- Click the + button
- Click the File & Folder locator
- Add a useful folder whose contents would be useful
- Choose the depth
- Click the rescan icon (circular arrow)

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Locator

- Can be downloaded from http://www.sebastian-krauss.de/software
- Searches all files (via name) much faster than spotlight
 - Front end to unix tool locate buried in the command line, usually
- Can send text to Locator to find file names quickly
 - Much faster than Finder's find
- Invoke text entry, enter partial file name, tab, start typing locator