

AAA v5.4.7

for Windows[®] operating systems

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1. Introduction

AAA is an easy, quick and powerful tool for keeping and managing text notes. You can hide/show it with a simple click on its icon in the Notification Area. AAA can store a history of the Clipboard of Windows, it can calculate statistics and it features multi-clipboard, alarms, sorting, text aligning and formatting, application starting... and much much more!

2. Licence

AAA is licenced under the Creative Commons Attribution - NonCommercial - NoDerivatives 4.0 International Licence (CC BY-NC-ND 4.0).¹

3. System requirements

AAA works under 32 or 64 bit Windows operating systems (version 7 or later) and does not need any specific hardware resource.

4. How to install

AAA requires no installation: it is enough to unzip it in a folder and launch the file "AAA.exe"!

To upgrade an old version (5.0.0 or later): close AAA (if it is running) and overwrite the old files with the new ones. All the settings and data of AAA will be kept.

It is also possible (and highly advisable) to create a shortcut to the AAA.exe file where you like best and to set the icon in the Notification Area as always visible.

On obsolete Windows versions you may need to retrieve and install the Microsoft® .NET Framework 4.8.²

¹ <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/>

² <https://dotnet.microsoft.com/en-us/download/dotnet-framework/net48>

5. How to use

Context menu: the icon in the Notification Area, the tab-strip, the text-boxes and the alarms have their own pop-up menu, showing their related options.

Command line parameters:

Parameter		Function
/?	/h	shows the “About AAA” window in English;
/?:eo	/h:eo	shows the “About AAA” window in Esperanto;
/?:it	/h:it	shows the “About AAA” window in Italian;
/m		starts AAA minimized into the Notification Area;
/nocheck		disables check for updates.

The parameters are case insensitive. Any other parameter will be ignored.

All the other options and operations should be self-explanatory... if they were not, volunteers are welcome to write down a more comprehensive user manual!

6. How to uninstall

Close AAA (if needed), delete its folder and any shortcut you created. That will completely uninstall AAA. :-)

If you had to install [.NET Framework 4.8](#), you may remove it through the usual “Add/Remove” applet of the Control Panel (be careful: it may be shared with other applications).

7. Feedback, suggestions, bug-reports

Any comments, suggestions and (most of all) bug-reports are welcome. Please use the eMail address mario@corsolini.net

It is advisable to specify “AAA” in the subject field and to report the version of both the program and the operating system.

AAA is a multilingual application: contact me if you are willing to translate it into another language!

8. Release history

- Version **5.4.7** — January 5th 2024
 - Bug fixed: if in saved settings the “Search and replace” window is placed outside the screen, it is automatically brought back inside it.
- Version **5.4.6** — January 21st 2023
 - Upgraded Microsoft .NET Framework to version 4.8.
 - Minor cosmetic changes.
- Version **5.4.5** — February 5th 2021
 - Recompiled for both 32-bit and 64-bit systems.
 - Bug fixed: sometimes it was not possible to set the starting tab as tabs’ list was empty.
 - Bug fixed: sometimes clicking on the links in the “About AAA” window raised a (non-fatal) exception.
- Version **5.4.4** — January 19th 2021
 - Bug fixed: if in saved settings the main window is placed outside the screen, it is automatically brought back inside it.
- Version **5.4.3** — January 1st 2020
 - AAA may reload its data file if it has been externally modified.
 - Restored management of fonts and background colours in the “Alarms” window.
- Version **5.4.2** — November 11th 2019
 - Added save and restore AAA position in “Options” menu.
 - Removed “AAA Always Alive”.
- Version **5.4.1** — November 11th 2018
 - Added the restarter “AAA Always Alive”.
- Version **5.4.0** — June 21st 2018
 - Added a global (customised) keyboard shortcut to show and hide AAA.

- Added automatic replacement of parts of text in the Clipboard of Windows.
 - Modified the behaviour of “Show AAA”: the window is immediately shown even if it was previously minimized.
 - Bug fixed: getting some kind of non-textual data from the Clipboard of Windows could freeze AAA.
 - Minor cosmetic changes.
- Version **5.3.3** — January 19th 2018
 - Bug fixed: Visual Studio automatically enlarged each menu icon of AAA.
- Version **5.3.2** — January 1st 2018
 - Minor cosmetic changes.
- Version **5.3.1** — December 21st 2017
 - Added a “Delay” field in the “Application starter” window to be applied while starting groups of applications.
 - Replaced ReadMe.EN.txt with this ReadMe.EN.pdf (nicely typeset with \LaTeX) and accordingly redesigned the “About AAA” window.
 - Bug fixed: multi-clipboard recognised new lines in Microsoft format only.
 - Bug fixed: geometric mean in the “Analyse numbers” window could return infinity when evaluated on many large numbers.
 - Changed format of versioning, adopting the usual scheme: major.minor.revision.
 - Minor cosmetic changes.
- Version **5.3.0** — October 3rd 2015
 - Added “Application starter” item in the menu of the icon in the Notification Area.
 - Added case insensitive statistics.
 - Added statistics on the contents of the Clipboard of Windows.
 - Added a menu item to delete the contents of the multi-clipboard.

- Enabled <Esc> key to close the global pop-up menu of the multi-clipboard.
- Improved some default settings.
- Bug fixed: some windows were not initialized if AAA is used in English.
- Version **5.2.0** — October 1,st 2014
 - Added multi-clipboard.
 - Bug fixed: on first start-up of AAA some menu items were not initialized.
 - Bug fixed: clipboard history sometimes raised a (non-fatal) exception.
 - Bug fixed: statistics of pages containing only empty lines raised a (non-fatal) exception.
 - <Tab> key is now re-enabled in the text boxes.
 - Improved dictionary management.
 - Minor cosmetic changes.
- Version **5.1.2** — June 21,st 2014
 - Added statistics on the selected text in the “Statistics” window.
 - Added a button to enable/disable alarms in the “Alarms” window.
 - Added the number of active/total alarms in the “Alarms” menu item.
 - Improved the user interface for managing date and time in the “Alarms” window.
 - Minor cosmetic changes.
- Version **5.1.1** — June 13,th 2014
 - Added coordinates of the prompt.
 - Added a link to the licence in the “About AAA” window.
 - The messages of the alarms are now always in front of the other windows.
 - Bug fixed: if the message window of an alarm was not closed within one minute, the alarm was repeated and a (non-fatal) exception was raised.

- Bug fixed: some shortcut key enabled autosave even though there were no changes.
 - Minor cosmetic changes.
- Version **5.1.0** — March 20th 2014
 - AAA is now a single instance application.
 - Added: automatic check for updates in the “About AAA” window.
 - Improved “Save” routine: now it is more efficient and nearly 50 times faster.
 - Bug fixed: alarms were inactive until the first click on AAA main menu.
 - Bug fixed: restoring backups did not work properly.
 - Bug fixed: some controls were wrongly placed if Windows font size was bigger than 100%.
 - Bug fixed: “Tab Swap” routines sometimes crashed AAA.
 - Bug fixed: /h and /? did not work properly.
 - <Tab> key is now enabled in the text boxes.
 - “Hide” menu item is now disabled when a modal form is shown.
 - Closing a modal form now keeps AAA in front of the other windows.
 - Minor cosmetic changes.
- Version **5.0.0** — March 5th 2014
 - Rewritten from scratch with Visual Studio Express: added a few new features, removed a few old ones. AAA is a brand new application that does not support any more notepads saved with older versions.
- [...] (a complete release history for the obsolete versions of AAA is included in the file WhatsOld.txt)
- Version **1.0.0** — August 10th 1997
 - First public release.

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Well, that's all about it, happy playing!!!

³ <https://www.doublejdesign.co.uk/>

⁴ <https://www.fatcow.com/free-icons>