



Dir2Text

User Guide

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Version History

Version	Description
1.0	Initial release

Introduction

Dir2Text is a small Windows-compatible utility application used to generate a text file which contains an alphabetically sorted list of a folder's contents. It is meant to be executed from a file manager software application [e.g. Double Commander; FreeCommander] versus being a standalone application.

System Requirements

- Windows 8 (or higher)
- All Windows applications "like" computer memory – a starting point for any Windows machine should really be 16GB of memory. If this application starts running slower, check your Windows Task Manager for applications that are leeching memory (and then start closing them)
- This application runs comfortably within 10MB of disc space
- A decent color monitor capable of displaying 1024x768 (or higher resolution)

U.S. Government Use

U.S. government agencies, to include the Department of Defense, are NOT permitted to use this application without written consent from the author. A per-seat usage fee will be assessed prior to that written authorization being granted to the requester.

Quick Start

After installing this application into a dedicated folder, configure your preferred file manager software application to execute this application via a hotkey or a toolbar button.

How It Works

Ideally, the Dir2Text application is executed via a predefined hotkey or a button from within a file manager software application. The current folder path is passed as a parameter to Dir2Text; the application scans the passed folder path for a list of files, sorts them alphabetically, creates an empty name (Folder_Contents_Dir2Text.Txt), and pastes the filename into the newly created text file (screen capture below):

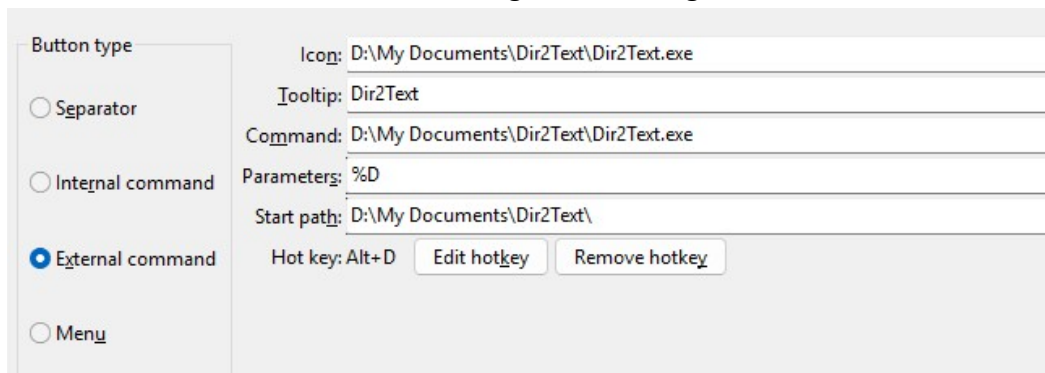
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Application
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Dir2Text.exe
WBDYC64I.DLL
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Configuration

The Dir2Text application doesn't use a .Ini file. However, you will need to configure your preferred file manager application to use it. Here are the settings for a few popular file managers:

Double Commander

- Right click on an empty space within the vertical toolbar; select EDIT
- Add a new button to the toolbar; configure its settings to mimic this:



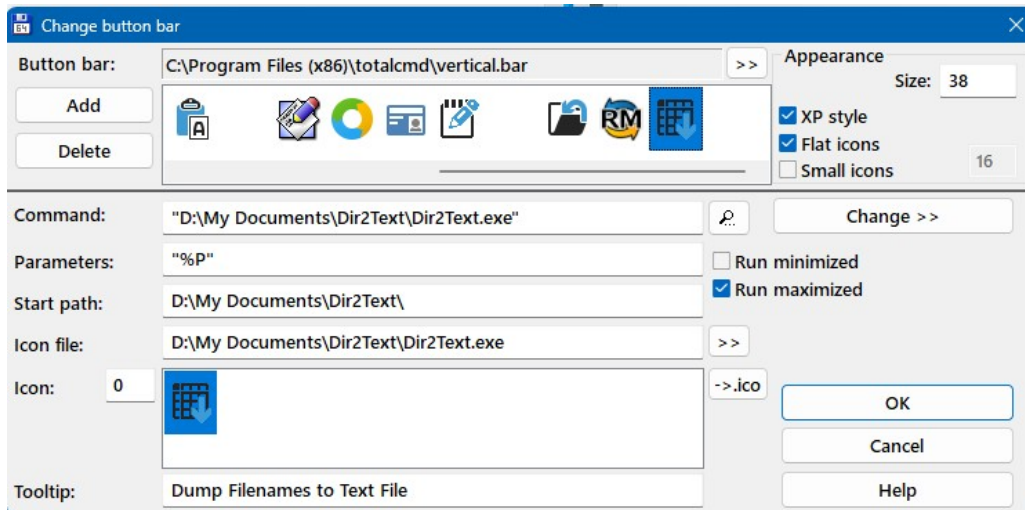
The screenshot shows the configuration dialog for a toolbar button in Double Commander. On the left, under 'Button type', the 'External command' option is selected. The right side of the dialog contains the following fields: 'Icon' is 'D:\My Documents\Dir2Text\Dir2Text.exe', 'Tooltip' is 'Dir2Text', 'Command' is 'D:\My Documents\Dir2Text\Dir2Text.exe', 'Parameters' is '%D', and 'Start path' is 'D:\My Documents\Dir2Text\'. At the bottom, the 'Hot key' is 'Alt+D', with 'Edit hotkey' and 'Remove hotkey' buttons.

The above screen capture shows the Dir2Text folder to be copied to this folder:
D:\My Documents\Dir2Text

The important setting is the Parameter variable being passed: **%D**

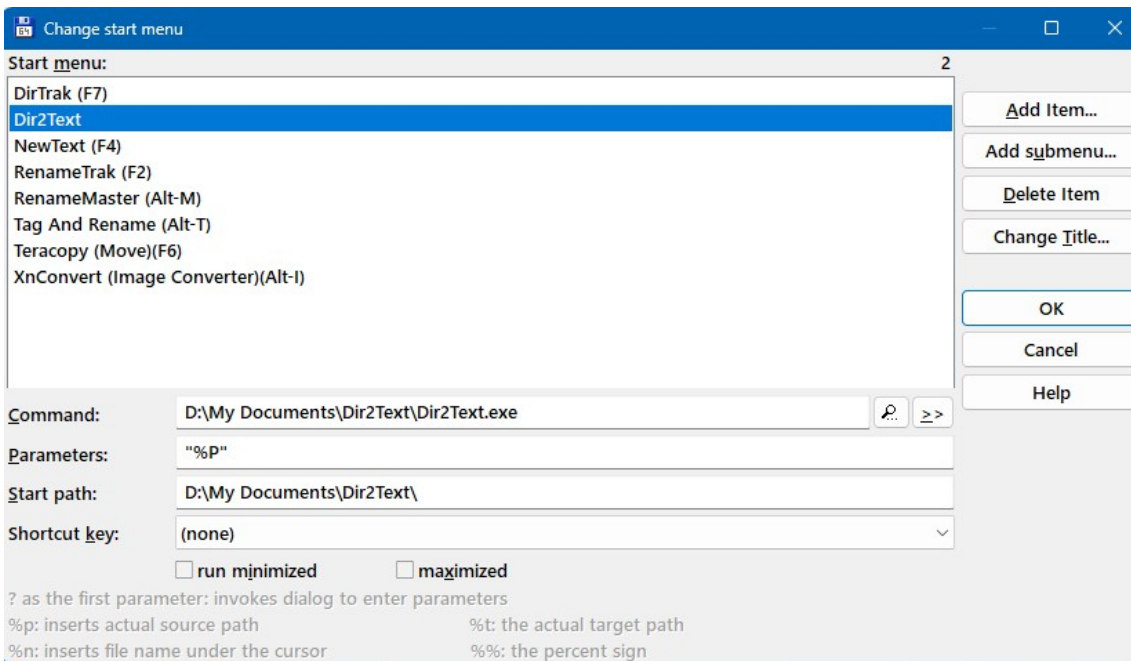
Total Commander

- Right click on an empty space within the vertical toolbar; select “Change Vertical Button Bar” from the popup menu
- Add a new button to the toolbar; configure its settings to mimic this:

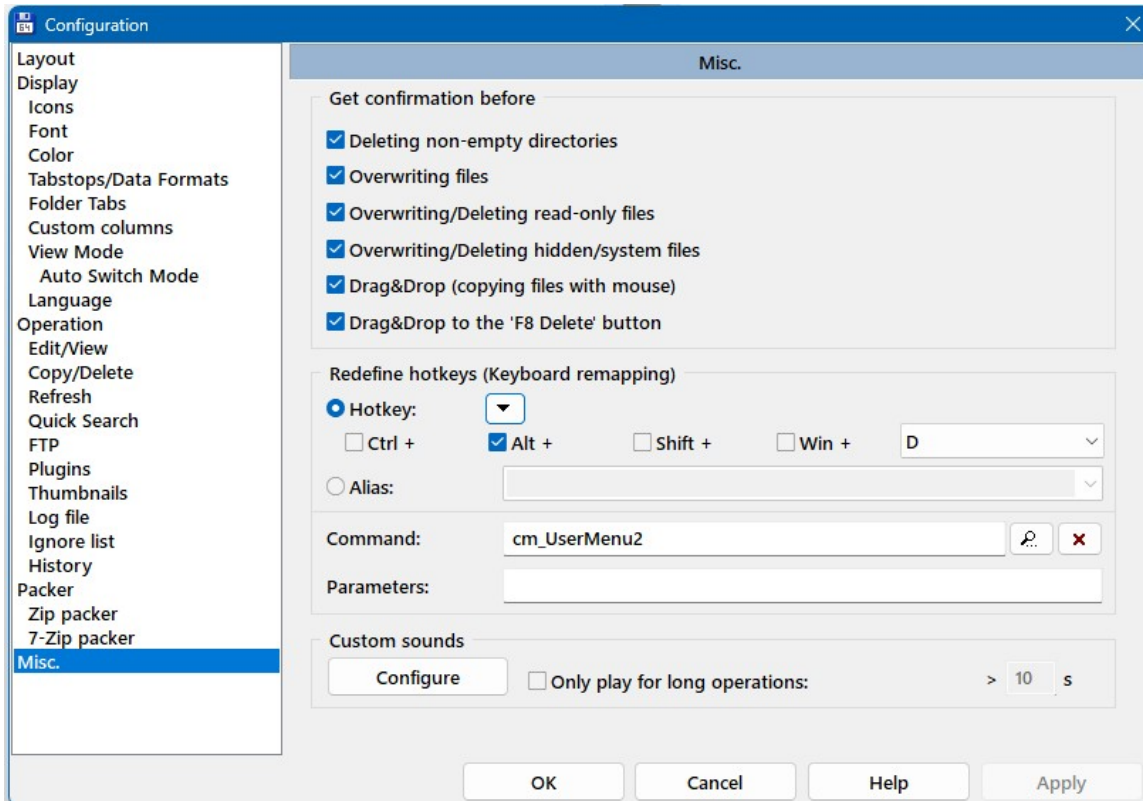


The important setting is the Parameter variable being passed: **“%P”**

To configure a hotkey to execute the Dir2Text application, a Start Menu entry has to first be created. Click START from the main menu, then select CHANGE START MENU. From the popup window, click the ADD ITEM button and configure the new entry to mimic this setting:

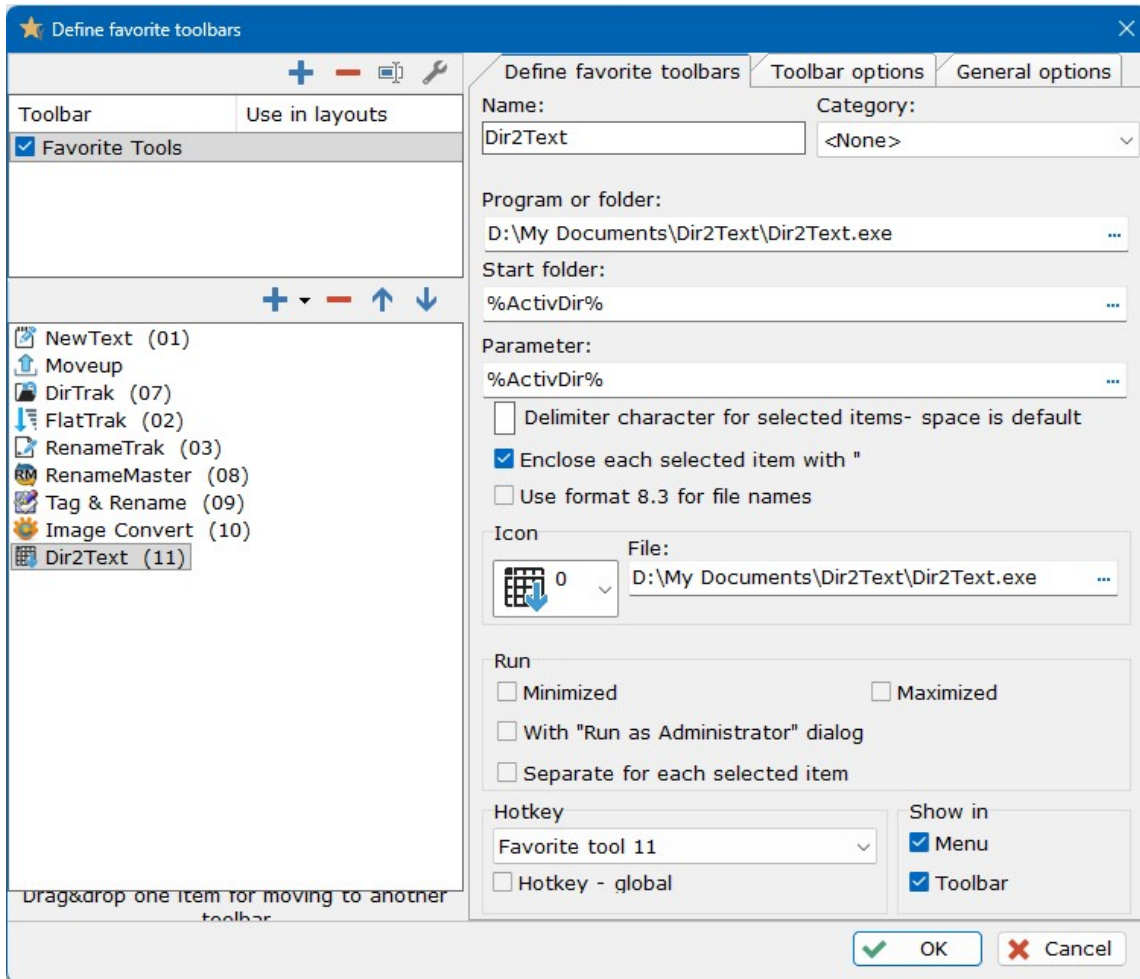


After creating the new Total Commander Start Menu entry, a keyboard hotkey can be assigned to that Start Menu entry. From the Total Commander Start Menu, select CONFIGURATION, then click MISC at the bottom of the popup menu (left side). The screen capture below shows the Alt-D hotkey being assigned to CM_UserMenu2 (which correlates to the Dir2Text User Menu item that was just added):



FreeCommander

From the FreeCommander main menu, select TOOLS, then FAVORITE TOOLS, then FAVORITE TOOLS EDIT. Click the blue-colored “+” symbol (i.e. Add) and configure this tools similar to the screen capture below:

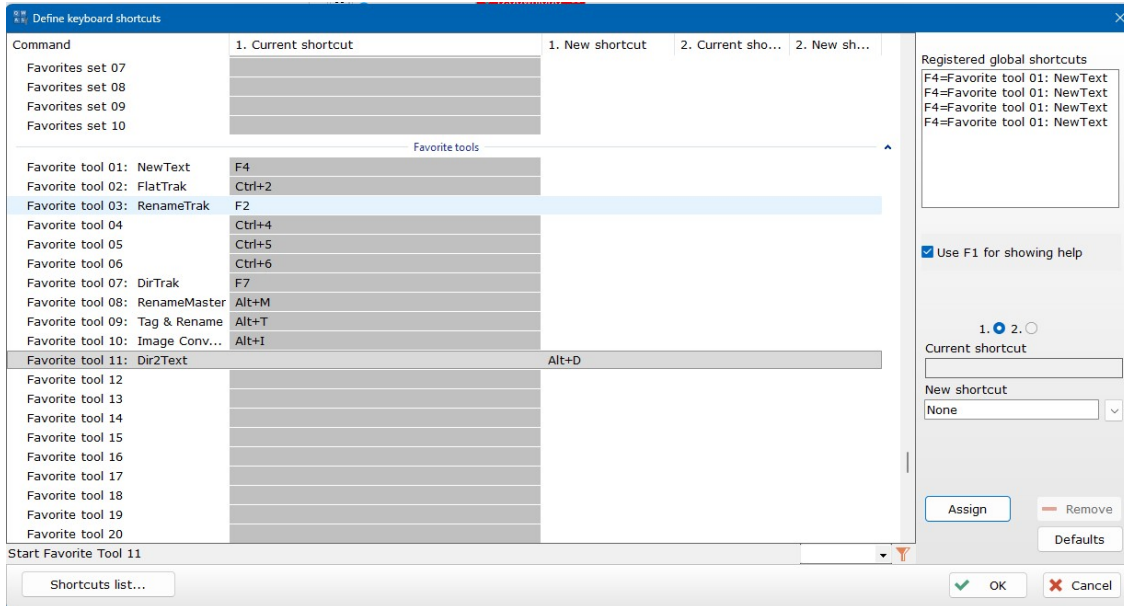


The droplist displayed under HOTKEY is important – select an unused Favorite Tool entry from the droplist and remember it (e.g. Favorite Tool 11) for the next step.

The important setting is the Parameter variable being passed: **%ActivDir%**

Click **OK** to save the update.

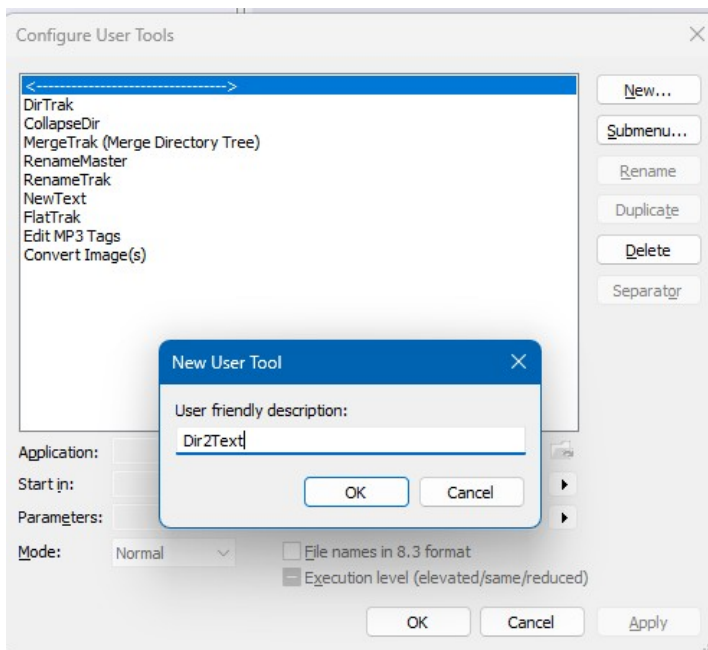
To assign a keyboard hotkey to Dir2Text, select TOOLS from the FreeCommander main menu, then DEFINE KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS. Scroll down the window until you locate the Favorite Tool <nn> entry that correlates to the FAVORITE TOOL entry above (e.g. Favorite Tool 11). Left click once inside of the NEW SHORTCUT entry field, and then press the desired keyboard hotkey that you want assigned to Dir2Text:



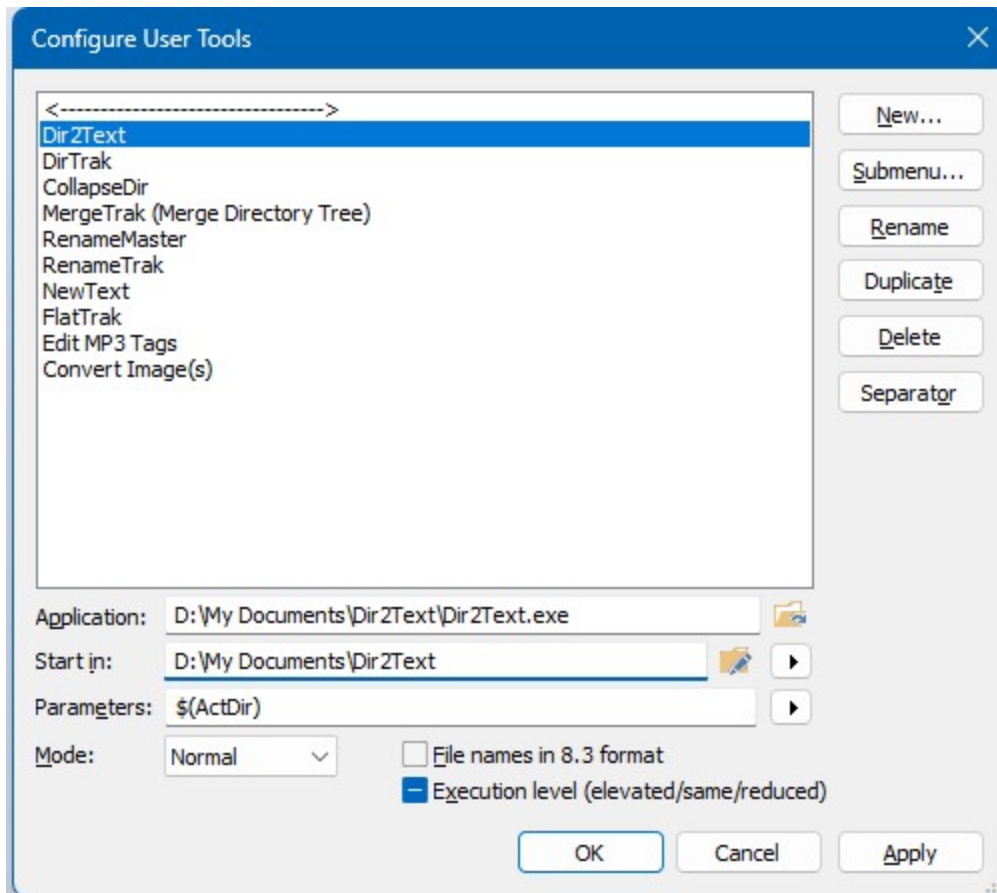
Click the ASSIGN button, then click OK.

SpeedCommander

Click EXTRAS, then USER TOOLS, then CONFIGURE from the SpeedCommander main menu. From the popup window click NEW. Enter Dir2Text in the popup window:



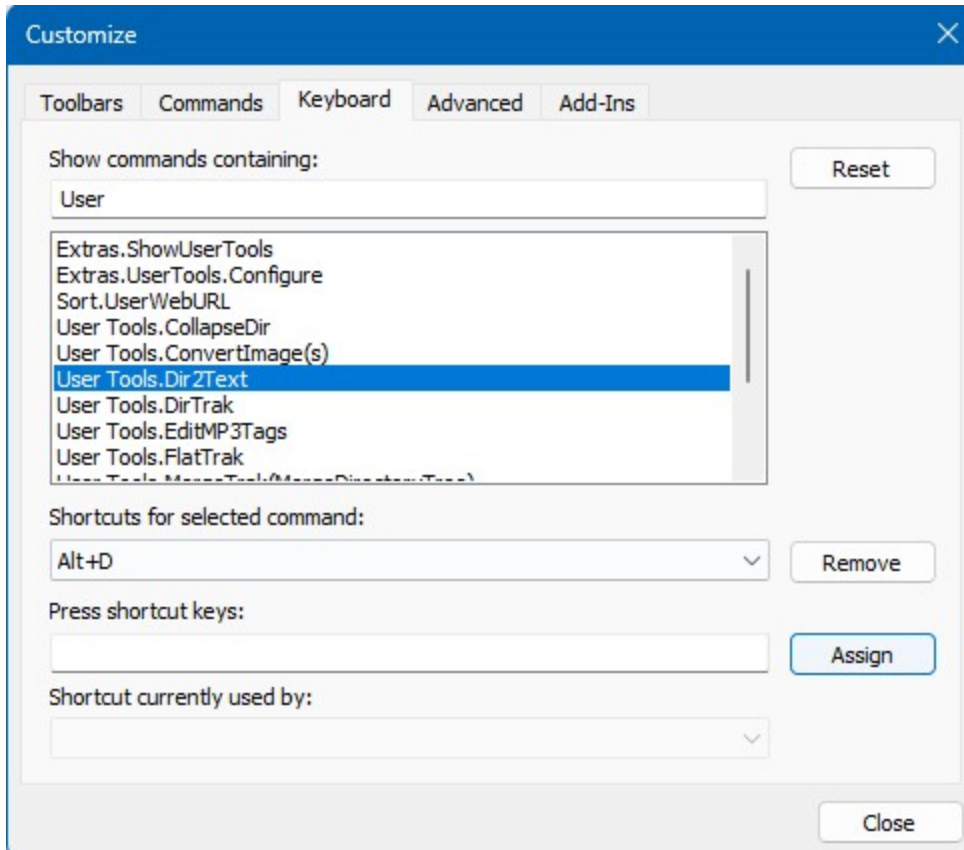
Configure the new SpeedCommander User Tools similar to this:



The important setting is the Parameter variable being passed: **\$(ActDir)**

Click OK to save the new tool.

To assign a hotkey to the Dir2Text application, from the SpeedCommander main menu select EXTRAS, then CUSTOMIZE, then select the KEYBOARD tab. Scroll down the list to find/select the newly added User Tool "Dir2Text". Click once inside the USER.TOOLS.DIR2TEXT entry field, press the desired hotkey (e.g. Alt-D), then click the ASSIGN button, then click the CLOSE button.



Technical Information

This application requires less than 5MB of disc space for its files:

- Dir2Text.exe – application file
- WBDWC64I.Dll – runtime file

Support and Registration/Donation

1. Send us an email (scott@sdaughtry.com) that fully describes the problem(s) you're experiencing and we will get back to you as soon as possible. It is prudent for you to fully back up this application's folder (in full) as a precautionary pre-troubleshooting step.
2. This application is distributed as DONORWARE – no features have been removed or crippled from this application. This application's dedicated web page located on our company web site (<http://www.sdaughtry.com>) has a link to donate to continued updates of this application and/or fund the creation of other utility applications.