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- [Advice for New Users](#) — If you want to get started using GeoShell, you've come to the right place.
 - [Editing the Registry](#) — Configuration of GeoShell is done mostly by directly editing the registry. This is a guide to help you do that without hurting yourself
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 - [WinShellEx](#)
 - [GeoLoader](#) — An earlier concept that became WinShellEx
 - [GeoShell Plugins](#) — GeoShell plugins add features to the Shell, they provide all the buttons, and the system tray, statistics bars, and more.
 - [Installing a Plugin](#) — A Quick Guide to Installing Plugins. Plugins must be installed before they can be loaded onto your GeoBars.
 - [Loading a Plugin](#) — A Quick Guide to Loading Plugins after you have installed them.
 - [Plugin Settings](#) — Plugins extend the functionality of Geoshell.
 - [EButton](#)
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 - [GeoAmp](#) — GeoAmp is a plugin which allows you to control Winamp
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- [GeoAmpTitle](#)
- [GeoClip](#) — a plugin which allows you to keep a history of previous text items that you've cut or copied into the clipboard
- [GeoCommand](#)
- [GeoCommandTime](#) — geoCommandTime is a combination of the [geoCommand](#) and [geoDateTime](#) plugins into one in order to take up less space.
 - [GeoCommandTime Alias Library](#) — This is a collection of aliases from the GeoShell Plugin [geoCommandTime](#) that you find useful.
- [GeoCounter](#)
- [GeoDateTime](#) — GeoDateTime is a plugin which allows for a configurable display of the system's time, date, and uptime information.
- [GeoDeskText](#)
- [GeoDF](#)
- [GeoExtract](#) — GeoExtract is a [Plugin](#) which extracts text from a file or web page and displays it on a GeoBar.
 - [GeoExtract as a Log Tailer](#)
 - [GeoExtract Search-Expression Library](#)
- [GeoEyes](#) — places a pair of cartoon eyes on the bar that follow the cursor
- [GeoImage](#) — GeoImage allows you to put a bitmap image on a bar.
- [GeoInput](#)
- [GeoLabel](#) — The GeoLabel plugin allows you to put text on a GeoBar.
- [GeoLabel2](#)
- [GeoLaunch](#)
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- [GeoLock](#) — starts your screensaver when you click on it..
- [GeoMail](#)
- [GeoMenu](#)
- [GeoMenuLaunch](#) — used to place your menus or application shortcuts on a Geobar
- [GeoMp3](#)
- [GeoMP32](#) — designed to 'remote control' an audio application within the shell
- [GeoNSep](#) — Adds a separator to your GeoBars. Width and style are Configurable
- [GeoPlayer](#)
- [GeoQuickLaunch](#) — used to replace the QuickLaunch functionality of Explorer, by creating shortcut buttons on you bar from the files in any given folder.
- [GeoSaver](#)
- [GeoSep](#) — GeoSep is a plugin which puts a separator in your [GeoBars](#)
- [GeoSpacer](#) — adds blank space to a GeoBar
- [GeoStat](#) — **deprecated plugin** for showing some information about your computer.
- [GeoStatPlus](#) — resource monitor for cpu, memory (physical & paged), net i/o flow, harddisk temperature (via S.M.A.R.T.), process count(for NT/2K/XP) and BatteryPower.
- [GeoSwitch](#) — assign [hotkeys](#) to windows, so you can launch and switch between them by pressing [hotkeys](#)
- [GeoTasks](#) — displays currently running applications (tasks) on a geoBar
- [GeoTile](#) — tile, minimize and restore the application windows
- [GeoTray](#) — like the explorer system tray, holding your notification icons
- [GeoUsers](#)
- [GeoVol](#) — allows you to change the volume of your primary "mixer" using a scrollbar
- [GeoVol2](#) — provides a skinnable slider for controlling the main system volume
- [GeoVWM](#)
- [GeoWeather](#)
- [GeoWebSearch](#)
- [GeoXWM](#) — virtual window manager
- o [Unloading a Plugin](#)
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 - [Accessibility Properties Set](#) — Push button access to the *Accessibility Properties* Control

- Panel applet.
- [Add-Remove Programs Properties Set](#) — Push button access to the *Add-Remove Programs Properties* Control Panel applet.
- [Defrag](#) — Push button access to the *Windows Defrag* program.
- [Display Properties Set](#) — Push button access to the *Display Properties* Control Panel applet.
- [DteTme](#) — Push button access to the *Date and Time Properties* Control Panel applet.
- [Flmngnr](#)
- [GeCalc](#) — Push button access to the *Windows Calculator*.
- [GeoAmpVol](#)
- [GeoBIN](#) — Push button access to the *Recycle Bin*.
- [GeoCMD](#) — Push button access to open a *Command Prompt* window.
- [GeoCPU](#) — shows the current cpu load
- [GeoDUN](#) — Push button access to the *Dialup Network Folder*.
- [GeoFader](#) — **deprecated** GeoFader was a [plugin](#) which allowed the user to set the transparency level of the bars using a slider, but it does not work in any recent builds
- [GeoFlexiMenu](#) — **deprecated** GeoFlexiMenu has long been replaced in most uses by either [GeoLaunch](#) or [GeoMenu](#) (or [GeoMenuLaunch](#)), and it's last remaining use has finally been elegantly replaced by [GeoQuickLaunch](#).
- [GeoGripper](#) — **deprecated** GeoGripper was a [plugin](#) which duplicated the look of the [gripper](#) anywhere on the [plugin](#). It has been replaced by a new skinnable [GeoSep](#).
- [geoINI](#)
- [GeoNN](#) — Push button access to the *Network Neighborhood* folder.
- [GeoPrinters](#) — Push button access to open a *Printers* folder.
- [GeoREG](#)
- [GeoRGB](#)
- [GeoStart](#)
- [GeoUptime](#)
- [GeoVol 'Classic'](#) — Push button access to open a *Volume Control* Control Panel applet.
- [GeoWharf](#) — Allowed Geoshell to load Litestep Wharf plugins onto GeoBars.
- [GeoXCommand](#) — GeoXCommand was a stopping point on the evolution of [GeoCommand](#).
- [gFonts](#) — Push button access to open the *Fonts* folder in the Windows directory.
- [gModem](#)
- [HrdWiz](#)
- [jStick](#)
- [Keybrd](#)
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- [Multimedia Properties Set](#)
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- [System Set](#)
- [Telnet](#)
- [TskMgr](#)
- [GeoShell Services](#)
 - [Custom Menus](#) — are defined in the registry and can be called up using [HotKeys](#), plugin buttons ([GeoMenu](#), [GeoMenuLaunch](#), or [EButton](#)) on bars, or desktop mouse clicks.
 - [HotKeys](#) — Hotkeys are sometimes called "chords" because they require pressing two or more keys simultaneously

- [Available Keys](#) — Here is a list of keyboard keys and how to enter them in the registry for use with Geoshell's Hotkey System.
- [Keystroke Sequences](#) — a guide to setting up GeoShell so that you can launch any application you regularly use with two keystrokes or less.
- [Standard HotKeys](#) — An explanation of the default hotkeys that come preconfigured in GeoShell
- o [Task Settings](#) — The GeoShell "TasksService" is used to provide information about running applications to various [plugins](#) and menus
- [GeoShell UI](#) — the main things you should know about the GeoShell User Interface
 - o [Alpha Blending](#) — [GeoShell](#) allows you to set varying levels of transparency for your bars if you are using Windows 2000, 2003, or XP
 - o [Desktop Size](#) — The desktop size settings allow you to adjust the space that windows use when they are 'maximized.'
 - o [GeoBar](#) — The GeoBar is the basic element of GeoShell. It holds [GeoShell Plugins](#) which provide most of the functionality
 - [Gripper](#) — The Gripper is the "command center" for each [GeoBar](#)
 - [Gripper Menu](#)
 - [Hiding Options](#)
 - o [GeoShell Skins](#) — nice essay about the Geoshell skinning system
 - [Changing Skins](#) — How to change a GeoShell Skin
 - [Color Schemes](#)
 - [Bar Colors](#)
 - [Menu Colors](#)
 - [Making Skins](#) — GeoShell skins consist of 4 bitmap files (one of which is optional) and another 4 for the vertical bars, if you want to skin those.
 - [Transparent GeoBars](#) — icons are free floating above the background
 - o [Language.ini](#) — you can teach it new languages yourself, you don't have to wait for the developers to translate it for you.
- [Installing Geoshell](#)
 - o [GNU General Public License](#)
 - o [Installing Geoshell Betas](#) — These releases are often patches, and not full installers, and require a few different steps to install.
 - o [Installing GeoShell from a Zip File](#) — is **not** the recommended way to install GeoShell.
 - o [Installing GeoShell from the Installer](#) — is the **recommended** method for new users to install GeoShell.
 - o [Setting Different Shells for Different Users](#) — is possible as of Windows 2000 and XP using different profiles, without the use of a shell manager!
 - o [Setting the Default Shell](#)
 - o [Uninstalling GeoShell](#)
 - o [Uninstalling GeoShell Manually](#)
- [The FAQ](#) — A list of Frequently Asked Questions with carefully researched answers.
 - o [Active Desktop Simulation](#) — Active Desktop doesn't work in GeoShell, but...
 - o [Recreating QuickLaunch](#) — Or "How do I get a bar full of buttons to my favorite programs."
- [The GeoShell Community](#)
 - o [GeoShell on IRC](#)
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 - [Nickserv](#)
 - o [Tech Support Forums](#)
 - [How to Contribute](#)
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 - [Default File Manager](#) — if you're having problems with your filemanager, maybe it's time to fire it
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