

Rag Picker v1.3

User's Manual

Overview

If you are like me, you probably have subscriptions to several magazines that you keep for future reference. Might be a cooking magazine, might be a woodworking magazine, but after several issues you can no longer remember which issue had that great article about just that thing you are trying to solve right now!

Rag Picker was written to help you keep track of what article is in which issue of your favorite magazines. When you receive a new issue and just know that you will need to refer to it again, just enter the info in **Rag Picker!** Then you can safely file it away. Who knows, you might even use it to track other things of importance!

Rag Picker consists of five forms or screens. Each form has a title in the upper left, and we will use that title to identify each form in this manual. Tapping on that title in most forms will give you access to the menu selections. You may also tap on the silkscreen menu icon to access the menus. Most forms also have buttons for you to select your next action. These buttons are described in the sections of this manual for each form.

Starting Rag Picker

Tap on the **Rag Picker** icon in your Palm Launcher to start **Rag Picker**. The first time you start **Rag Picker**, you will be taken to the **Edit Publications** form to start entering your data. Once you have created an initial publication list, **Rag Picker** will from then on start with the **Index** form.

"Edit Publications" Form



The **Edit Publications** Form asks for information about the magazines you wish to track. **Rag Picker** needs to have some information about a publication before you can enter any of the articles in that magazine. Sometimes magazines are referred to by issue date, and sometimes periodicals are referred to by issue number. At the very top of the form, **Rag Picker** asks which is appropriate for this publication. If you don't know or can't remember, don't worry, because you may change any information on this form at any time. Tap on the appropriate choice, **Date** or **No**, and then enter the name of the magazine. **Rag Picker** also gives you space to enter any notes you might wish such as the publisher, the web site, subscription information, etc.

Tap on **Accept** at the bottom of the form to enter this publication to your database. **Rag Picker** will then add the magazine to the list and clear the form for the next publication. When listing articles, you may later sort articles for each publication by categories. These may be entered now or you may continue to add magazines, however you will need to enter at least one category per publication to be able to enter articles.

If you wish to create categories or make a correction to an entry, tap on the name of the magazine in the list box on the left. **Rag Picker** will move the information on that entry to the data entry fields on the right side of the form and a new button will appear on the upper right corner of the screen. When editing an article, a **Del** button also appears next to the **New** button. You may then either delete the magazine or make any corrections you wish.

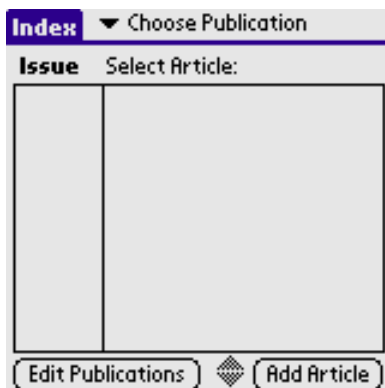
Be sure to tap on **Accept** to enter the corrections to your database. Tapping on either **Accept** or **Del** clears the form, however if you wish to clear the form without making any changes, tap on **New**.

To create categories, tap on the **Edit Categories** button. The screen layout is very similar, but you just need to enter each category by name, and tap on **Accept**. Each category then is displayed in the category list, and you may edit an entry by tapping on it in the list. When finished, tap on **Done**. You may then continue to add magazines or make other corrections.

Once you have entered your initial publications list, tap on **Index** to move to the **Index Form**.

NOTE: **Rag Picker** keeps track of the publications in your database using an index. This index is based on the publication name and is kept in alphabetical order. This index is not case sensitive, and **Rag Picker** will refuse to enter 2 publications with the same index entry. **Rag Picker** is also limited to 25 unique publications. Please be aware of this limitation.

"Index" Form



Once there is a publication in your database, **Rag Picker** will always start with the **Index Form**. This form lists all the articles you have entered to your database for each publication. To select your publication, tap on the dropdown arrow next to the label "Choose Publication" at the top of the form and select from the list. Articles are listed in alphabetical order. The two arrows in the center at the bottom are used to navigate through the list.

You may also use the up and down hard buttons on your Palm device. If

you are at the top of the list, the up arrow is grey; likewise at the bottom of the list the down arrow is grey. Tap on either arrow to scroll the list in the desired direction. Each page will show 10 entries.



The left hand column displays either the Issue Number or the Issue Date, depending on your selection when you entered the publication, however you may elect to display the other choice by tapping on the column heading. This action does not change the selection entered for the publication. You may only change this selection through the **Edit Publications** form.

At the upper right of the screen is the “Filter” dropdown selector. If you have created categories for this magazine, you may tap on the dropdown arrow to select a category. The list of articles will then display articles associated with that category.

To view or edit any article, tap on the article title, and **Rag Picker** will move you to the **Catalog** form. Or, if you wish go to the **Catalog** form to enter a new article, tap on **Add Article** at the bottom right. To instead go to the **Edit Publications** form, tap on the button on the lower left.

NOTE: **Rag Picker** keeps track of the articles in your database using a different index. This index is based on a code identifying the publication followed by the application title, and this index is kept in alphabetical order within each magazine’s section. This index is not case sensitive, and **Rag Picker** will refuse to enter 2 articles with the same index entry. There is no specific limit on the number of articles that can be associated with any one magazine other than the amount of remaining memory on your palm device.

"Catalog" Form

The **Catalog** Form is used by Rag Picker to gather information about your article. If the incorrect magazine is displayed at the top of the form, just tap on the dropdown arrow next to the title and select a different publication.



If you have entered this form by tapping on an article title, you are in the edit mode, and **Rag Picker** has filled the data entry fields with the information from your previous entry and added a **Del** button. You may make changes to any item on the form, including the publication dropdown selector. There are only two required text entries on this form as indicated by the markers to the right of the data entry fields. You are required to enter a title, and you are required to enter either the issue number or the issue date. Which field is required depends upon your selection in the **Edit Publications** Form for this magazine. You are also required to select a category for this article. All the other information is optional and for your convenience only.

Tap on **Accept** to enter the article or the changes to your database. If you wish to clear the form to enter a new article, tap on **New**. If instead you wish to delete the article, tap on **Del**. If you do not wish to make any changes and/or wish to exit the form, tap on **Index**. You will then be returned to the **Index** Form.

"Go To" Menu Choices



Menus may be accessed in two ways: (1) Tap on the form title bar in any form, or (2) Tap on the silk screen menu icon or menu button on your Palm device. The **Go To** Menu allows you to directly select any of the three forms described above. The **Go To** Menu also allows you to move to the **Register** or **About** Forms

"Go To" Menu Choice - Register

Please support shareware and future releases of **Rag Picker** by registering at the site where you downloaded **Rag Picker**. If you received the program from a friend, please register at www.SandozSoftware.com. Be sure to enter your Hot Sync User ID when asked. If you are not sure of your User ID, go to the **Register** Form, and **Rag Picker** will tell you.

Enter the registration code supplied to you in the field provided. **Rag Picker** will check that the registration code is valid, and then return you to the Index form.

Technical Support

Technical support is just an email away. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email me. Registered users will receive free updates and will be notified by email. I hope that you enjoy using **Rag Picker**, and that it helps you organize all your magazine articles.

Rag Picker was developed with **NSBasic**™. In order to function properly, the latest NSBRuntime is required and is included in the zip file. If you are a registered user and do not wish to use the runtime as a separate prc, please email me and I will send you the program as a stand-alone application. The stand-alone version contains the runtime internally and does not save space on your palm device.

Rag Picker requires Palm OS ®3.5 or higher to operate properly on your Palm device and is OS 5.0 compatible. **Rag Picker** will function properly on OS 3.0 through 3.3 but screen displays may not be as expected; data is unaffected by screen problems. **Rag Picker** cannot be located on an expansion card. **Rag Picker** is shareware and will operate for a 25-day trial period without registration. To continue to use **Rag Picker** after the 25-day trail you will need to register. Please visit the site from which you downloaded **Rag Picker** or www.SandozSoftware.com for information on how to purchase a registration code. Be sure to enter your Hot Sync User ID when asked. If you are not sure of your User ID, go to the **Register Form**, and **Rag Picker** will tell you.

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