Details! Damage Meter Tutorial

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Utilizing the Details! Metering addon for World of Warcraft

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Introduction and Credits

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Details! Damage Meter is a popular customizable addon for World of Warcraft that provides detailed statistics about combat performance created by Tericob. It can track various metrics and statistics including damage dealt and healing done, commonly tracked as DPS (Damage Per Second) and HPS (Healing Per Second) respectively.

This introductory guide will show you the basics of how to use this addon. You will learn how to install the addon using an addon manager and how to install the addon manually. You will become familiar with managing the various metering windows, some customization, recording and reading data, and how to import and export profiles.

This tutorial assumes the reader has already installed World of Warcraft, and the game is launch-ready. This tutorial will cover basic features and will not delve into the more advanced features.

Credits: Details! Damage Meter is created and owned by Tericob. All images used in this manual is created by me. World of Warcraft is a game created by Blizzard Entertainment and is accessed with a monthly renewing license.

Getting Started

Downloading and Installing

Before Details! can be used, it needs to be downloaded and installed in the proper folder. There are two distinct ways the addon can be installed: Manually and Automatically with an application. Installing with the application is recommended as it is easier and can help keep your addons organized and up to date.

Installing Using CurseForge App (Recommended)
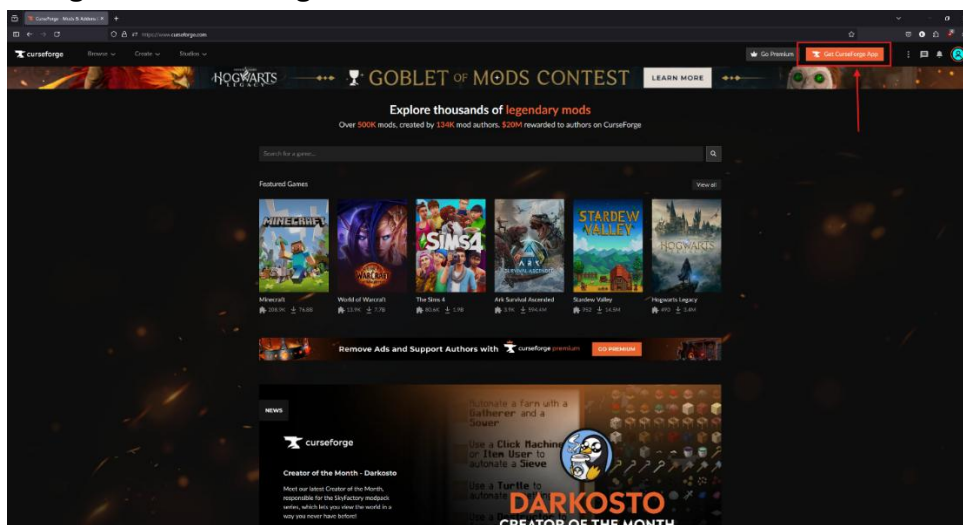
1. Navigate to CurseForge.com

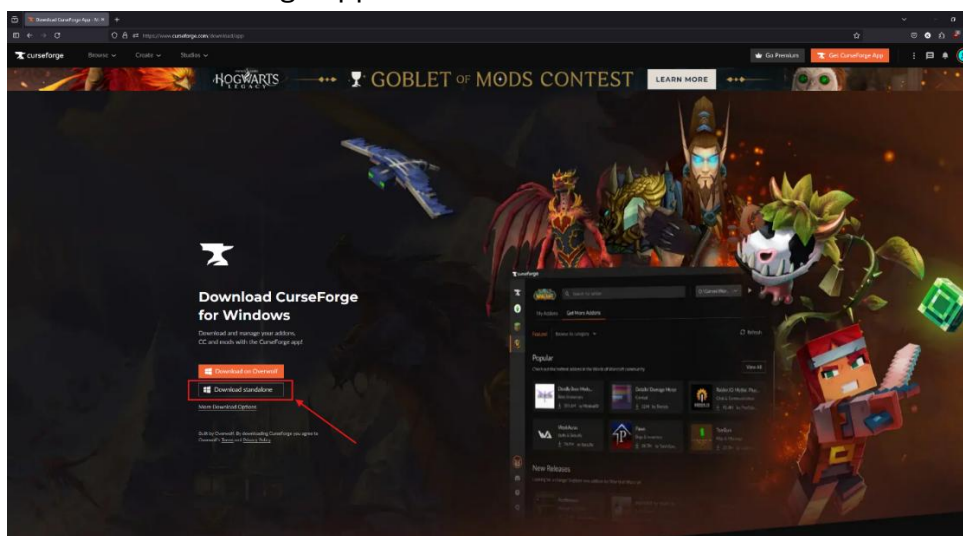*Figure 1 Location of the Get CurseForge app button.*

2. Click "Get CurseForge App"

Figure 2 Ensure you click on the "Download Standalone" option.

3. Click "Download Standalone"

   Note: Your Operating System should detected. If it is not, click "More Download Options" or scroll down to find your operating system's installation file.

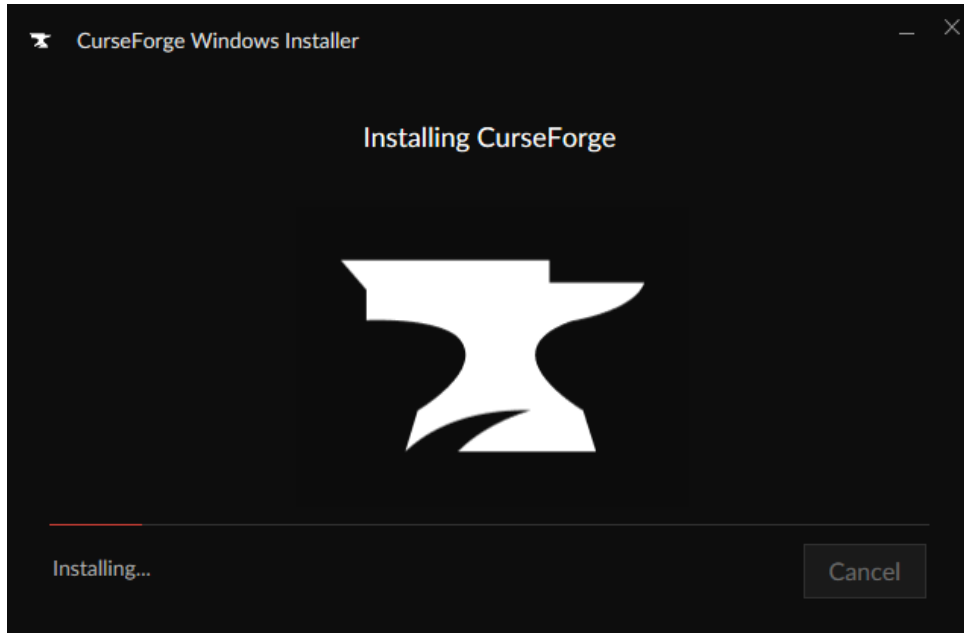4. Run the downloaded installer to install the CurseForge App.

Figure 3 Clicking through the install options.

5. Launch the application if it does not automatically start.
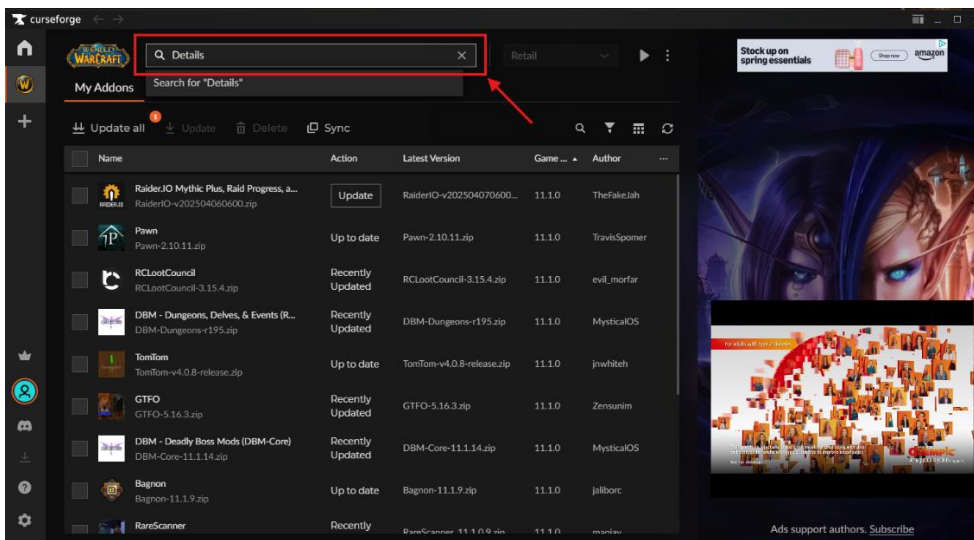6. In the search bar, type in "Details!" and press Enter.

Figure 4 The search bar should be at the top of the app window.

7. The first result should read, "Details! Damage Meter." Click "Install" next to it and the application will download and install the addon automatically.
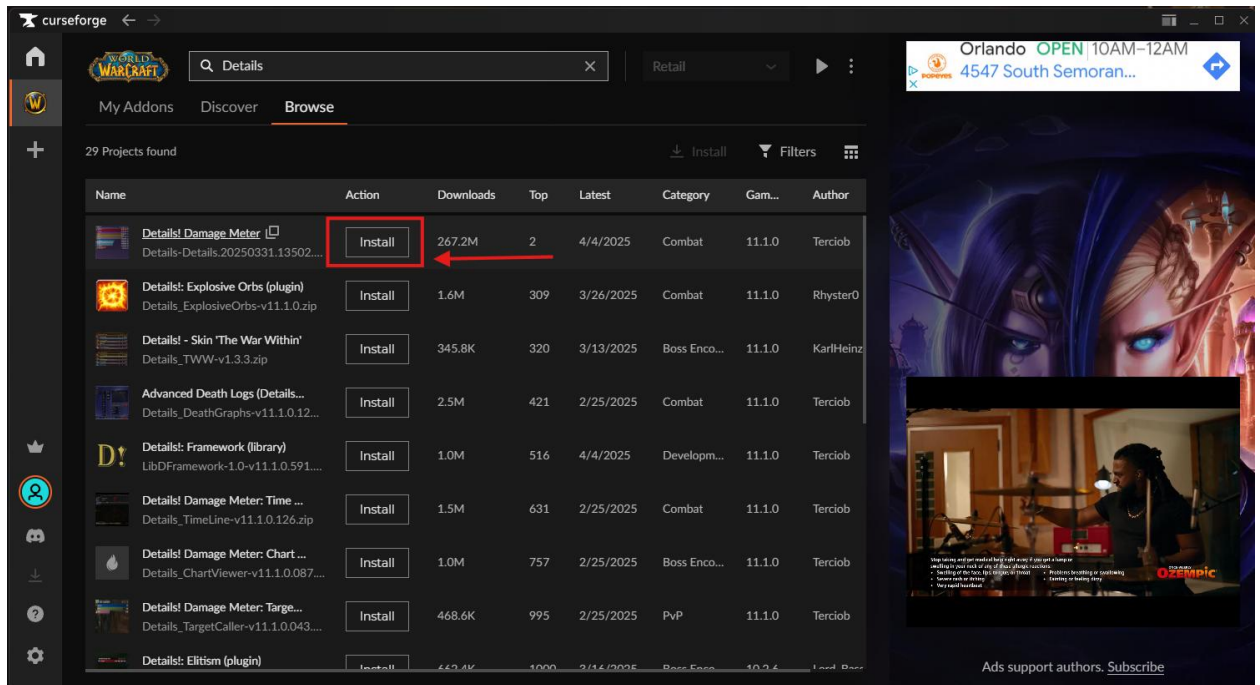

Figure 5 The install option will be next to the addon name in a column labeled Action

Installing Manually

1. Navigate to CurseForge.com
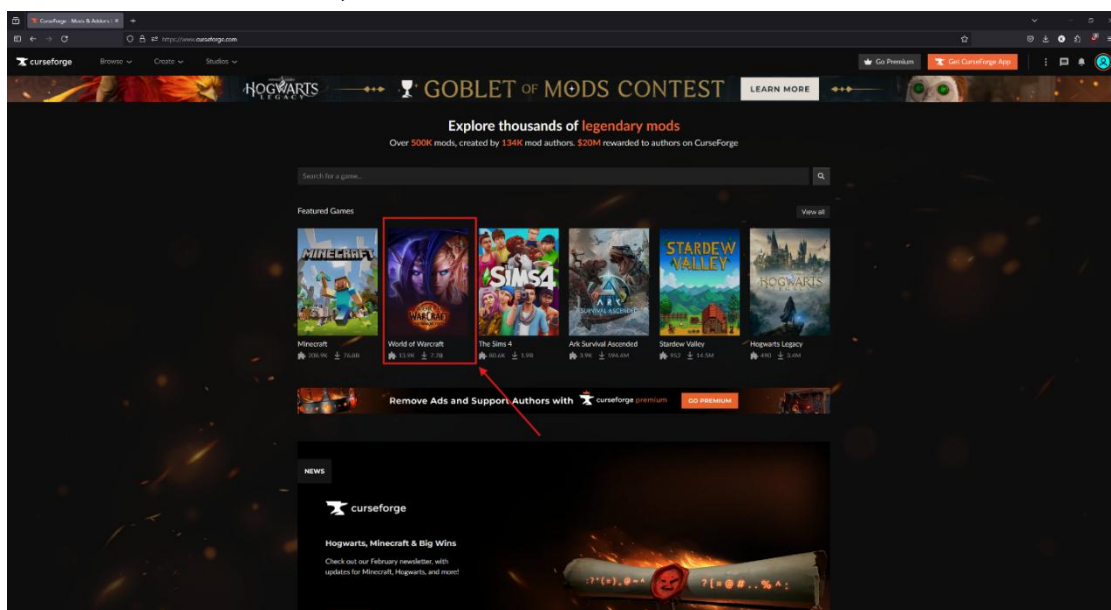2. Under "Featured Games," select "World of Wacraft."

Figure 6 Homepage of CurseForge will list the most popular games with addons.

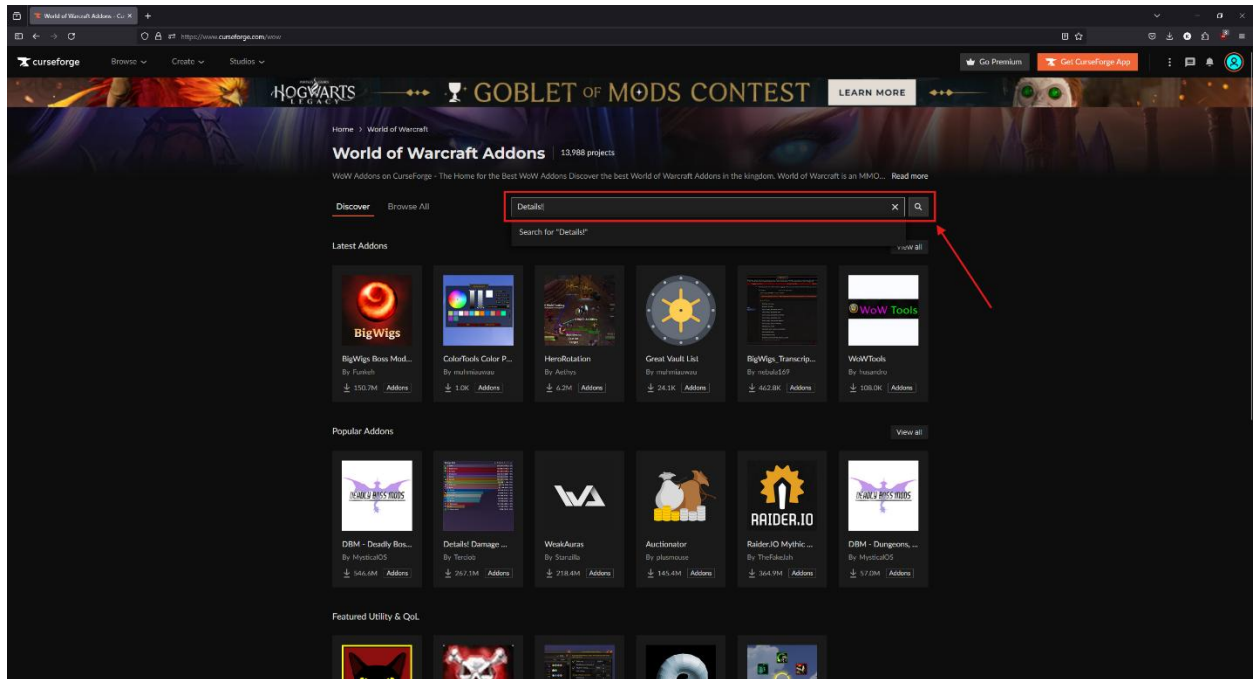3. In the search bar, type "Details!" and press Enter.

Figure 7 Similar to the standalone app, the search bar will be at, or near, the top.

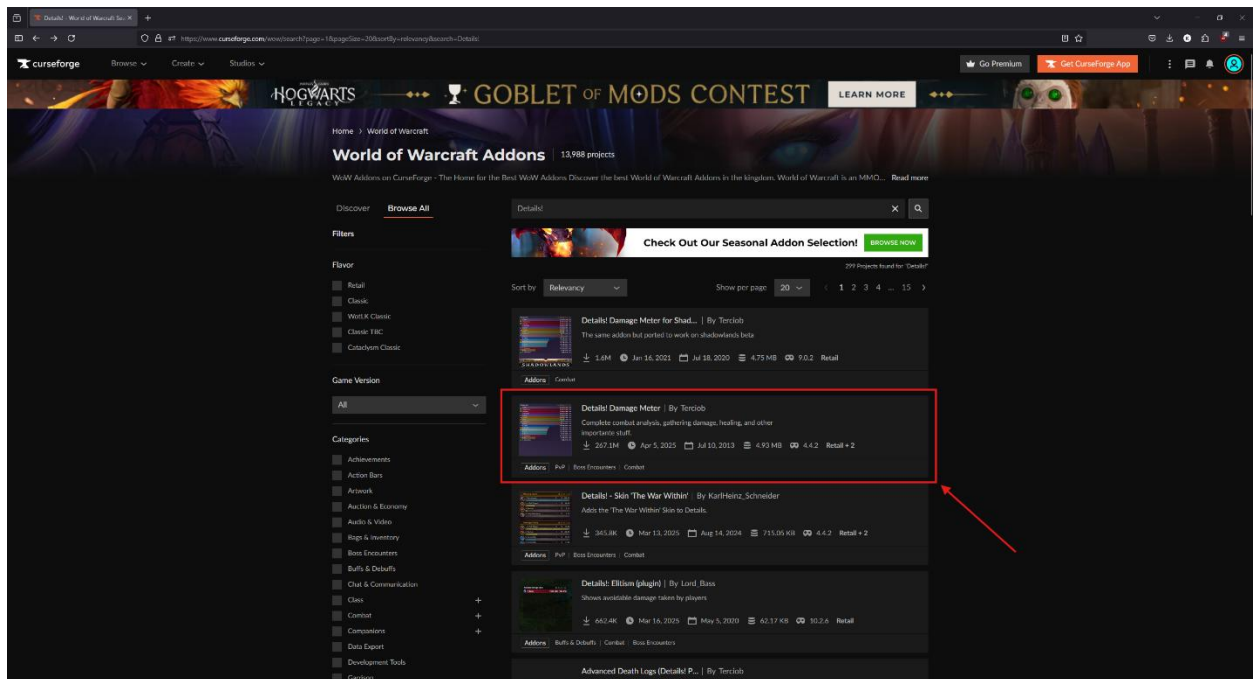4. In the results, click the result named "Details! Damage Meter

Figure 8 The correct addon may not be the first result. Be sure to double check.
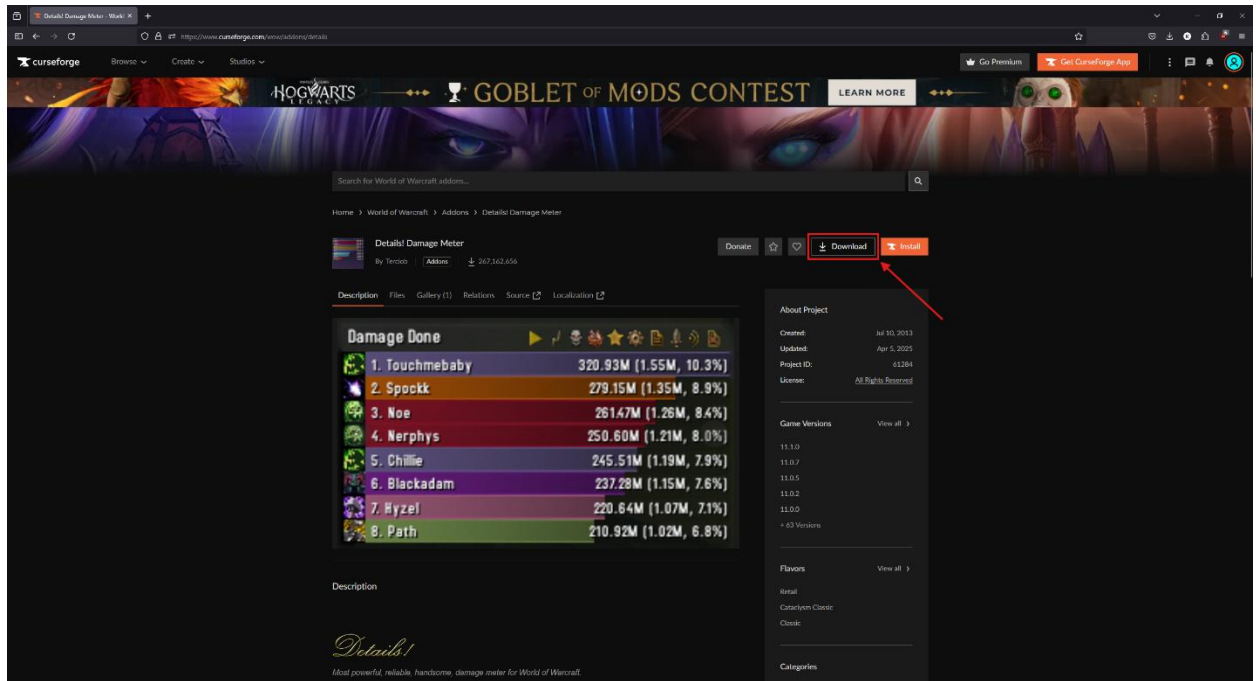
5. At the top of the page, click "Download"

Figure 9 Be sure to click the download option. The other option will open up the application.
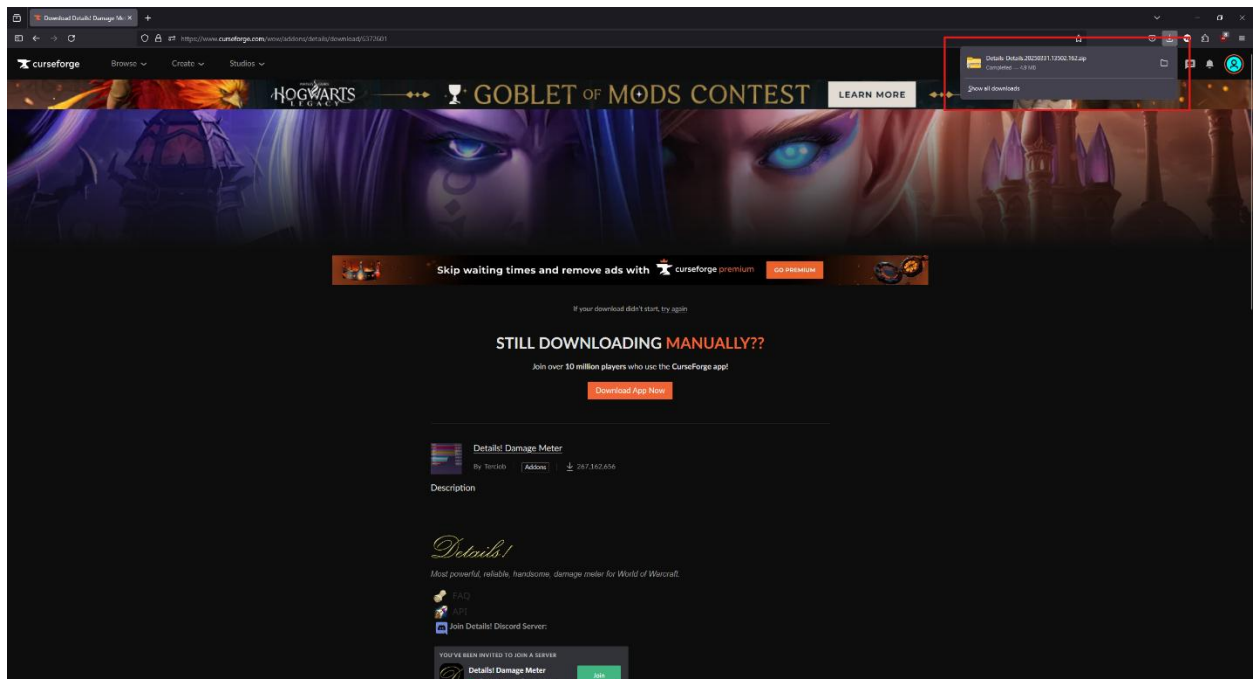
6. Open the downloaded zip file and copy all the folders.

Figure 10 The downloads tab should appear at the top right of your browser, but may differ depending on which one you are using.

7. Navigate to where you installed World of Warcraft.

8. Navigate down the hierarchy:
   World of Warcraft/_retail_/Interface/AddOns
9. Paste the copied folders into the AddOns folder

Enabling the AddOn

1. Launch World of Warcraft normally
2. Login normally
3. At the character select screen, click "Menu" at the top of the screen to open the game menu.

Figure 11 At character select, the menu bar will appear at the top of the screen.

4. In the game menu, select "AddOns"

Figure 12 If the addon is installed correctly, a new menu option will appear in the in-game menu.

5. In the AddOns menu, scroll down until you find "Details! Damage Meter. Ensure the checkbox next to it, and all children, are checked.

Figure 13 There will be several children under the Details! parent. Ensure all boxes are checked.

Window Control and Customization

Details! offers the option to create, delete, and customize your data windows. Having multiple windows allows a user to track multiple data metrics at the same time.

Create a Window

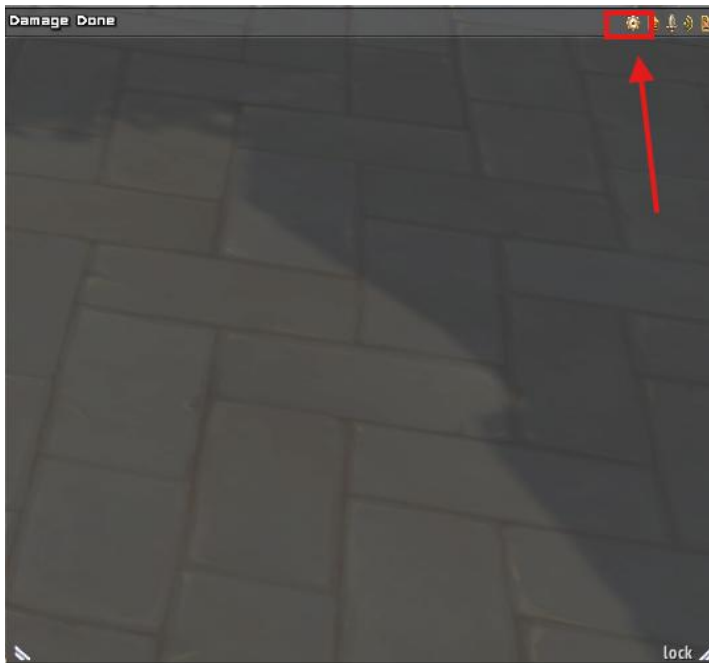1. Hover over the small cog in the Data Display box.

Figure 14 The cog will appear at the top right of any data box.

2. Move the cursor to hover over "Window Control"
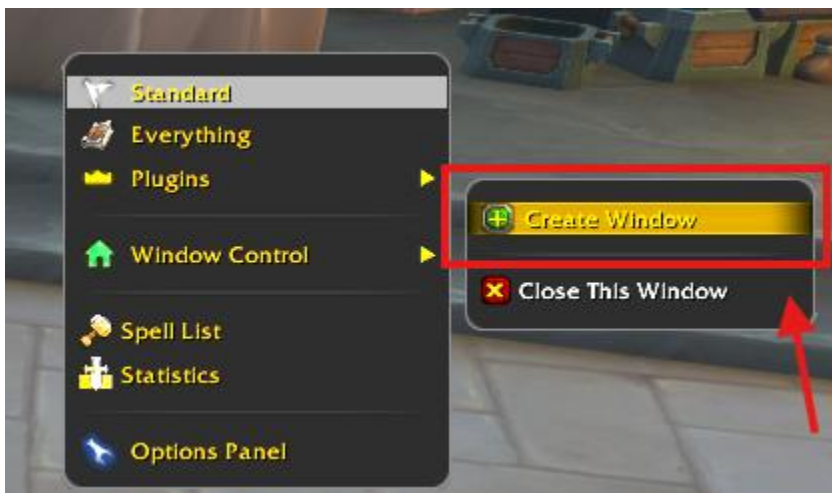3. Select "Create Window"

Figure 15 Create Window option.

Hiding a Window

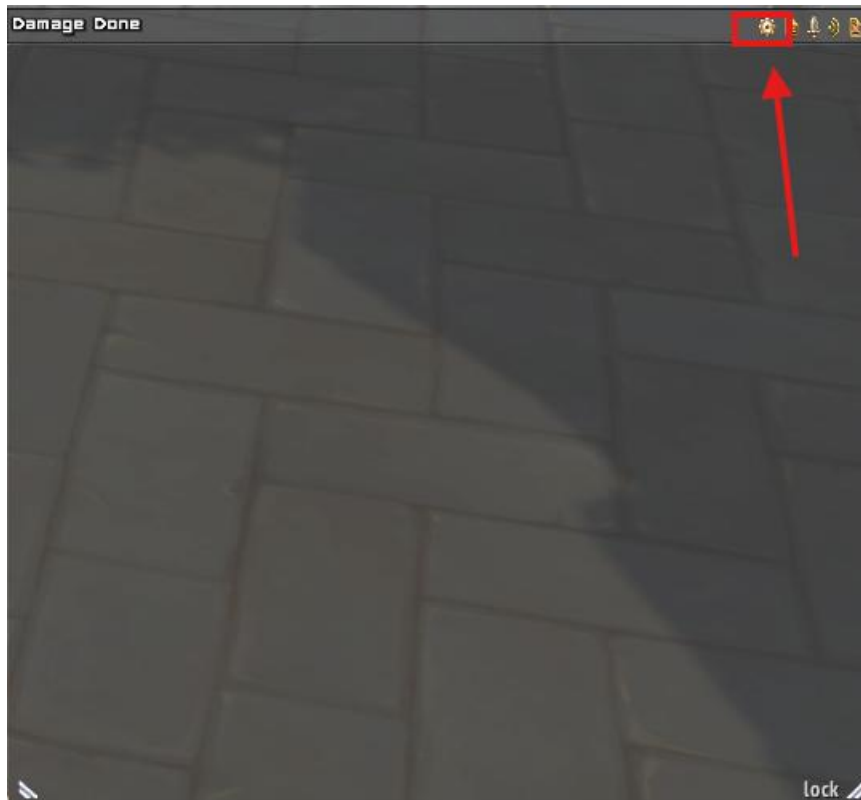1. Hover over the small cog in the Data Display box

Figure 16 The cog will appear at the top right of any data box.

2. Move the cursor to hover over "Window Control"
3. Select "Close This Window"

Figure 17 Close This Window option.

Deleting a Window

1. Left click the "Details!" icon located around the in-game mini map. Alternatively, you may left click the yellow cog at the top right of any Data Display box.
2. Under the "Tools" window, located at the far left of the new display window, select "Options"

Figure 18 In the options panel, the options tab is selected.
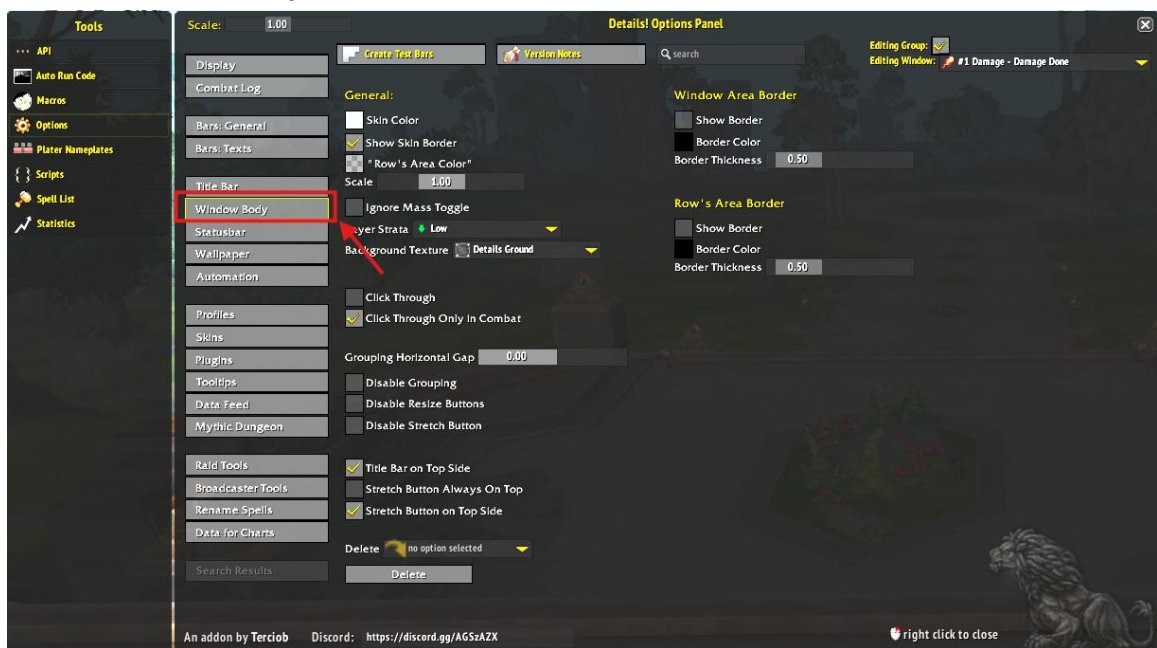
3. Select "Window Body"

Figure 19 The Windows Body tab is selected.

4. At the bottom of the window, in the drop-down menu labeled, "Delete," select the window you want to remove.
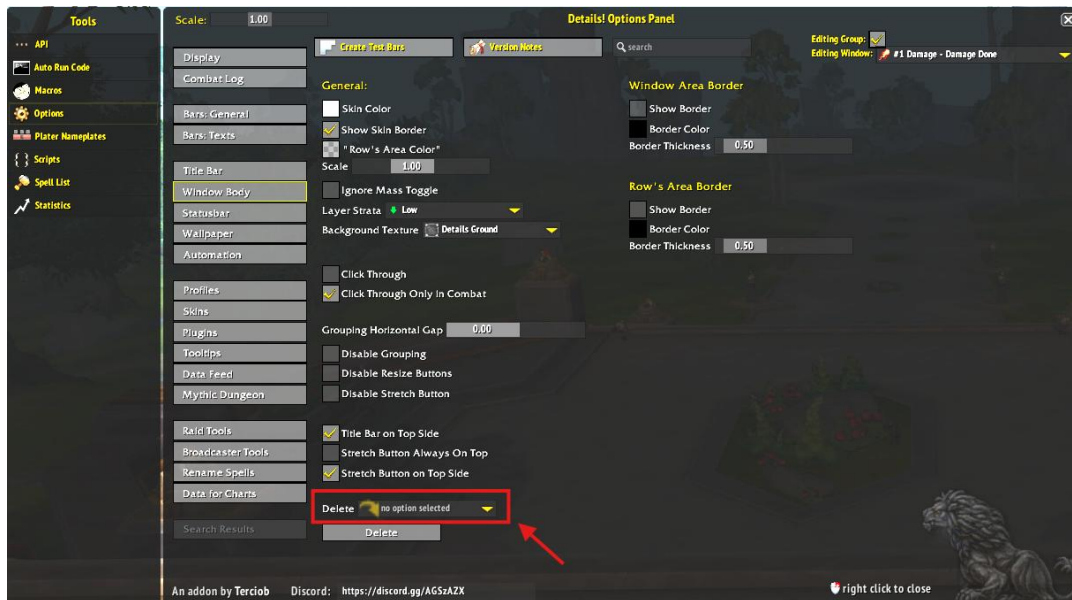

Figure 20 The drop down menu should have several options depending on how many saved windows you have.

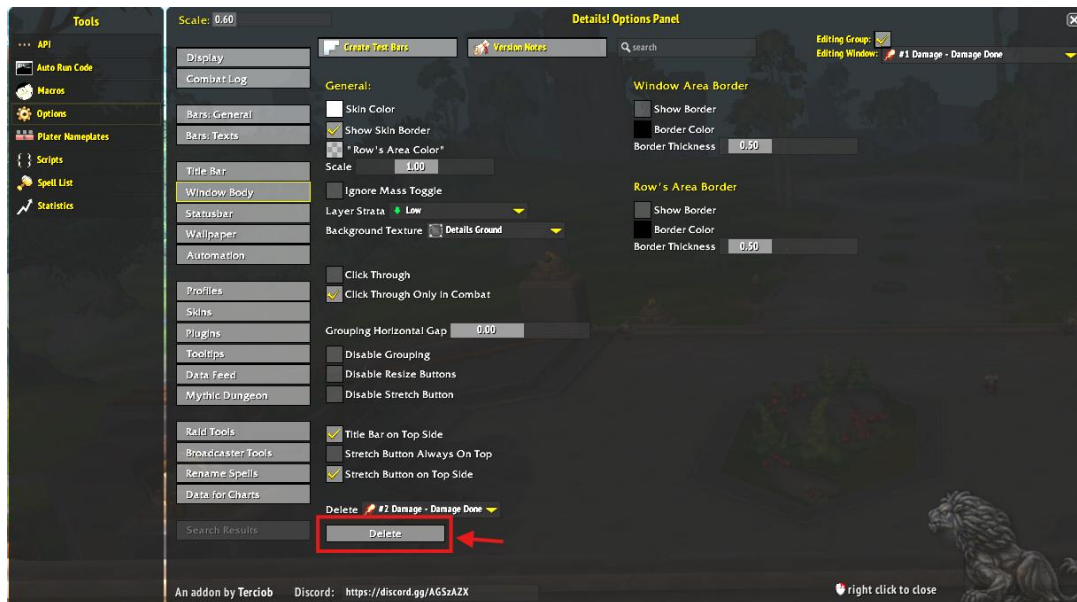5. Press Delete. Your interface/game will reload. This is normal.

Figure 21 Deleting a window will remove it from your currently selected profile.

Changing Wallpapers

One of the customization options offered to users is to change the default background of the data window. While it does not offer any meaningful difference in functionality, it does allow users to personalize the addon to their liking.

1. Open the Options Panel by left clicking the Details! Icon located around the in-game mini map, or left clicking the yellow cog in a data display window.
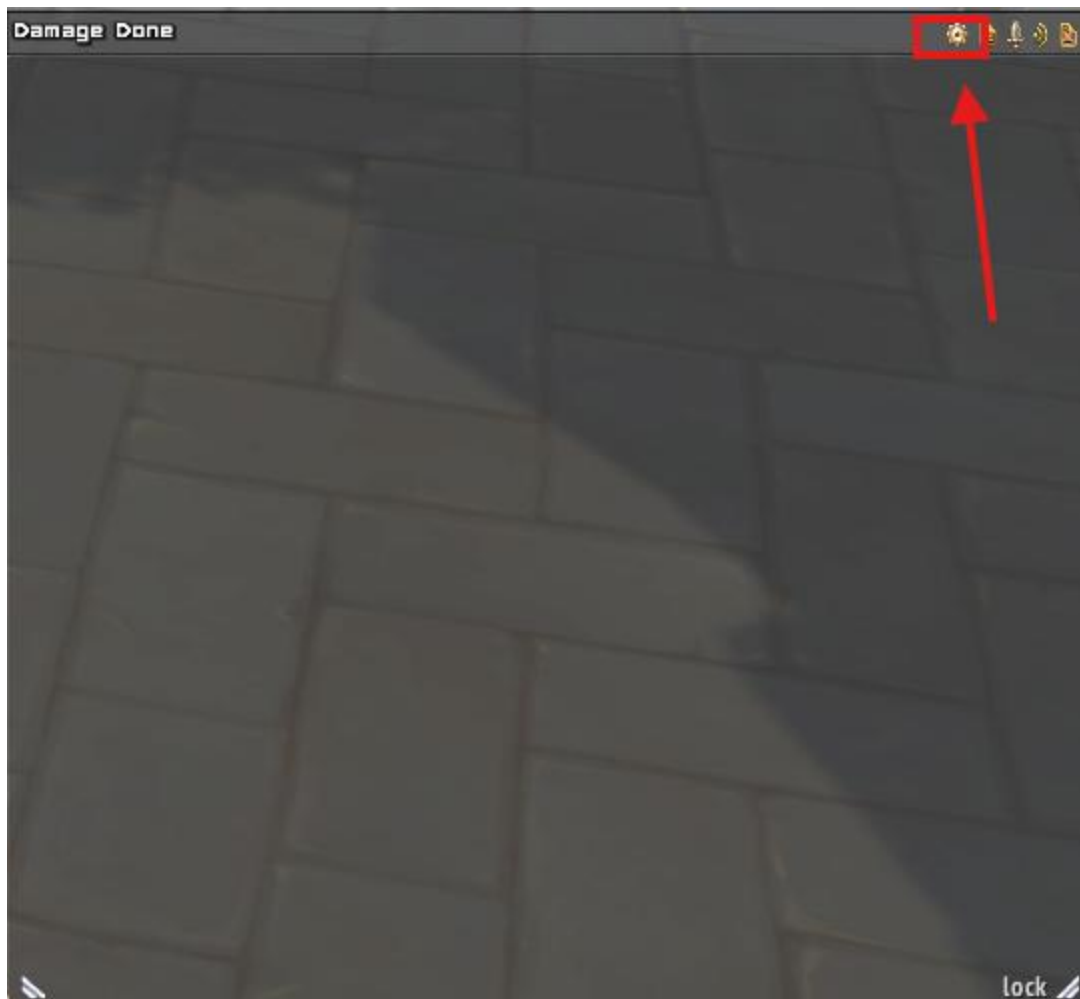

Figure 22 The cog will appear at the top right of any data box.

2. Under tools, select "Options" and then "Wallpaper."

Figure 23 Wallpaper is the 8th option from the top.

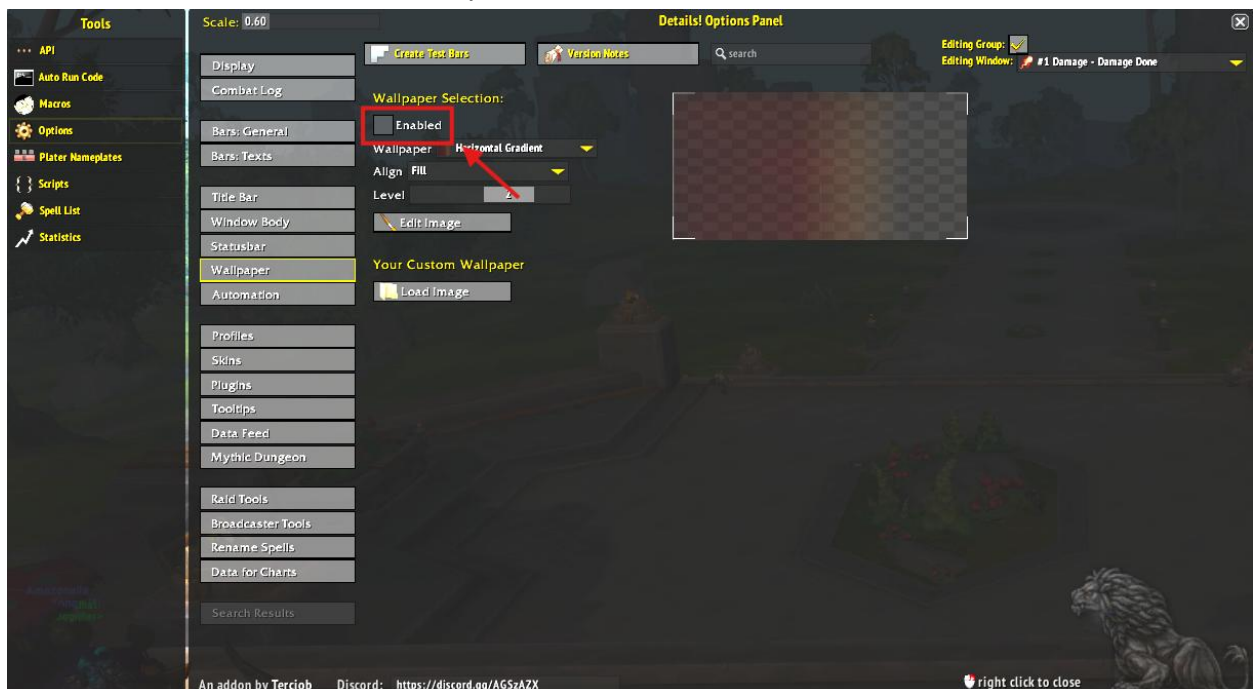3. Check the "Enabled" box at the top of the window.

Figure 24 Selecting the checkbox will toggle the option to display wallpapers.

4. Select your wallpaper in the dropdown menu.
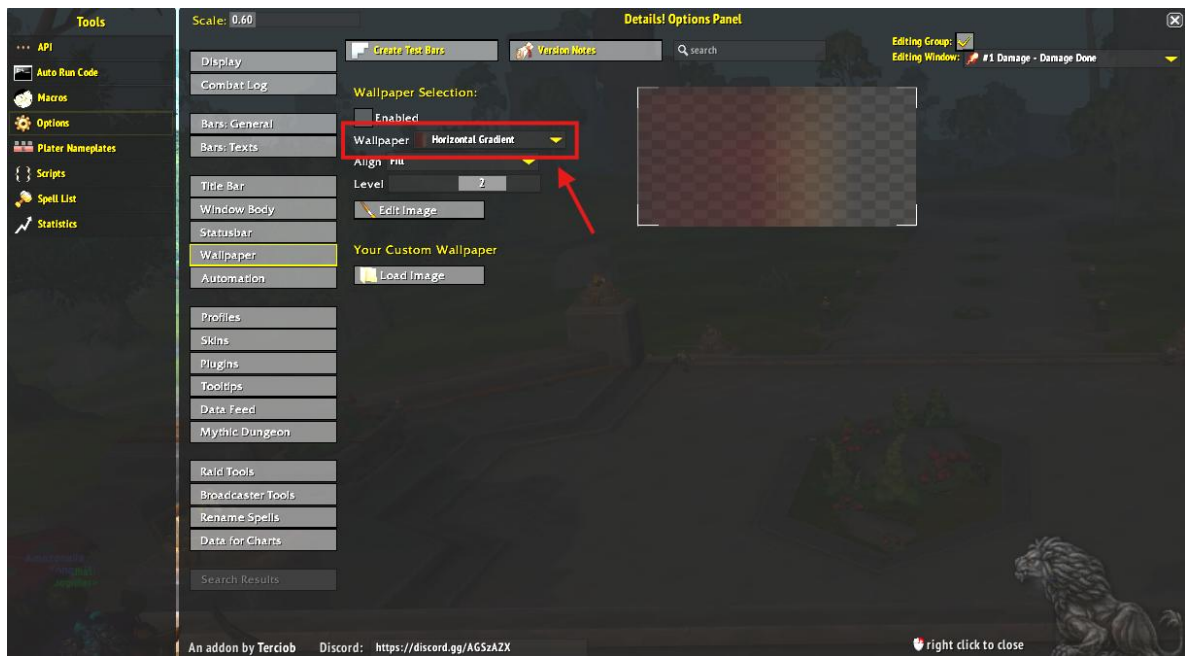
Figure 25 Selecting from the included options of wallpapers.

Fonts

Depending on your preferences, you may want to change the font type, size, and color to improve readability.

1. Open the Details! Options Panel by left clicking on the Details! Icon located around the in-game mini map or left clicking on the yellow cog in a data display window.
2. Under tools, select "Options" and then "Bars: Text." This window will allow you to modify the various aspects of the text for that appears in the data display windows.
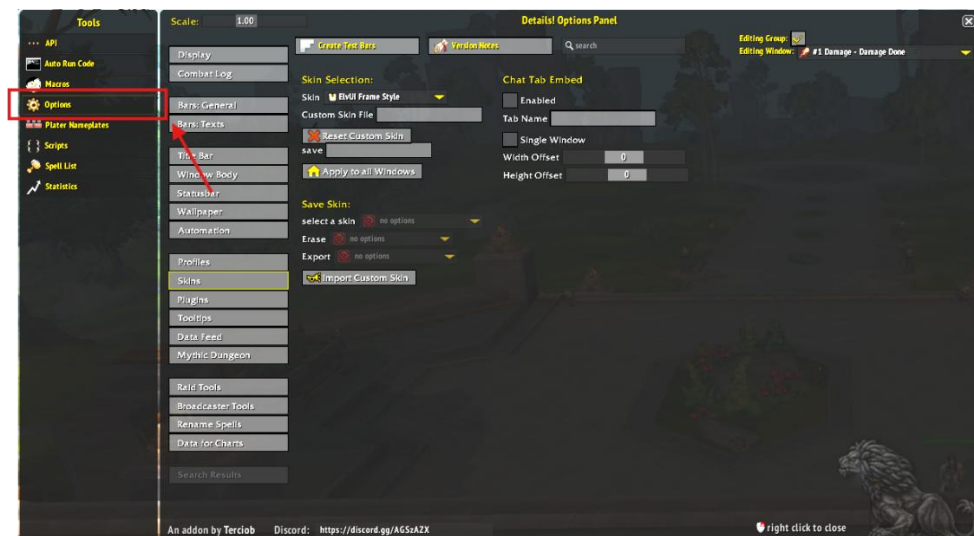
Changing Font Color

1. In the Bars: Text window, under general, left click the color swatch box next to "Text Color." This will open a Color Picker Window.

Figure 26 The color picker will appear at the top of the window.
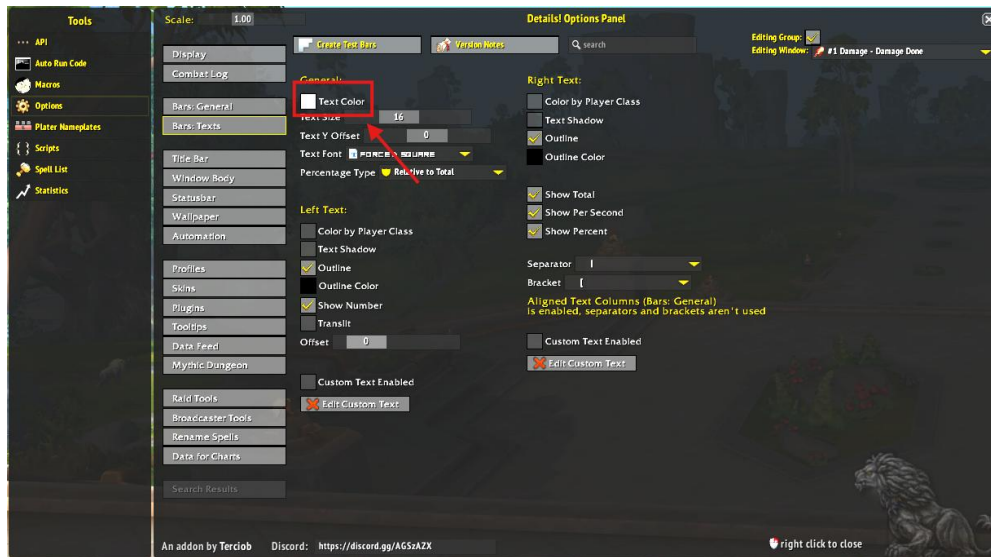
2. In this window, you use the wheel to select your desired color, input a hexadecimal color code, or RGB values between 0-255.

Figure 27 The color picker dialogue box.

Changing Font Size

1. In the Bars: Text window, under general, move the sliding bar next to, "Text Size." Or, while hovering over the sliding bar, press the plus(+) or minus(-) button to incrementally change the font size.
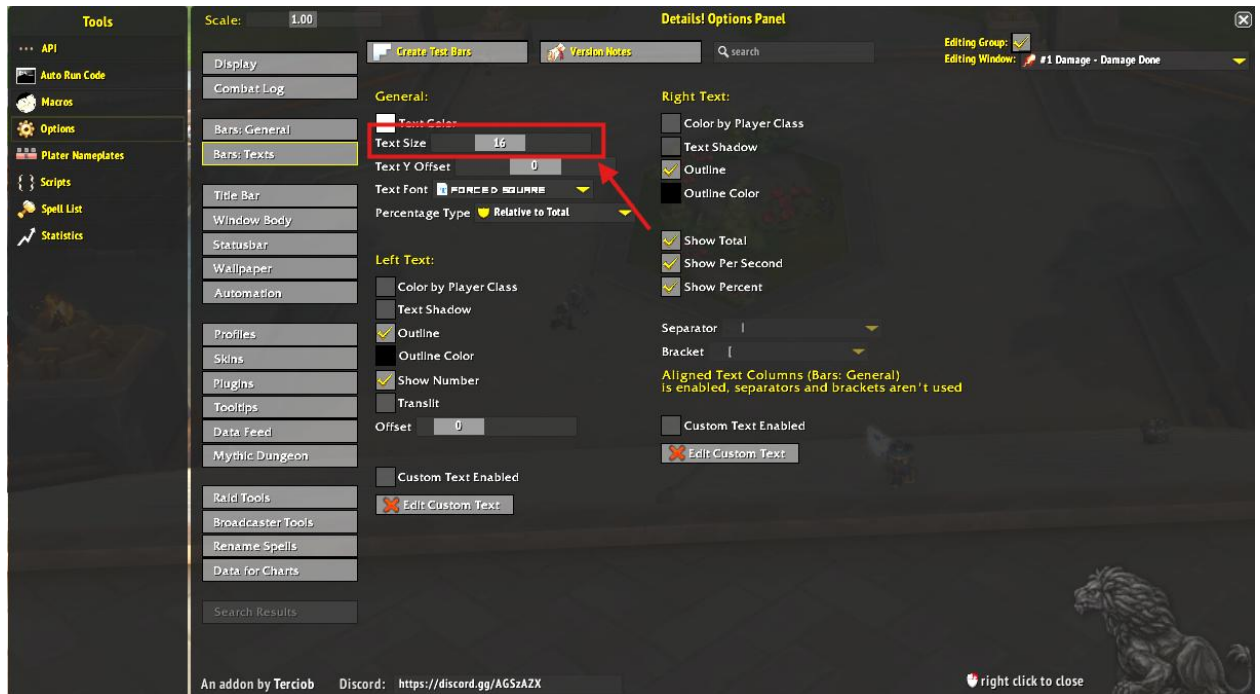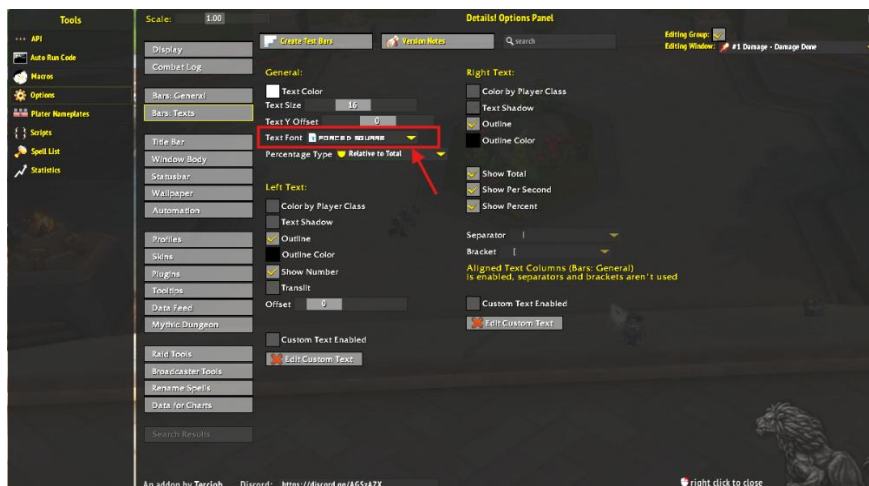

Figure 28 Text size slider.

Changing Font Type

1. In the Bars: Text window, under general, expand the drop down menu next to, "Text Font," to display a list of different fonts.
2. Select the font you want to change the text to.

Recording and Reading Data

The main feature of Details! is to record combat data/metrics. If the addon is installed and active, this is done automatically.

Capturing Data

1. To begin capturing data, hold the CTRL key and left click on the Details! Icon located around the in-game mini map. This will open the data display window. If the window is already open, skip this step.

Figure 29 The mini-map icon for Details!

2. During combat, Details! will automatically capture combat data and display it in the data box.

Figure 30 Details! recording damage data.

Changing Displayed Data Metrics

1. In the data display box, hover over the sword icon. This will display a menu where you can change what metrics are displayed as well as sub-categories such as damage taken and over healing done.
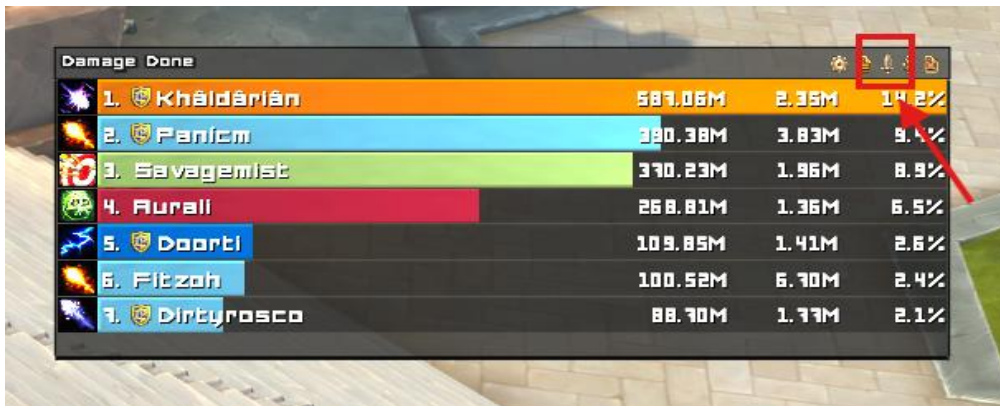

Figure 31 The sword icon appearing next to the cog option button.

Figure 32 Option box displaying the various data metrics available to view.

Changing Displayed Segments

1. In the data display box, hover over the document icon. This will display a window displaying all currently saved segments.
2. Select the segment you'd like to view. You may also change the data metrics displayed when viewing a previous segment. Refer to, "Changing Displayed Data Metrics," above on how to do this.

Figure 33 The paper icon will display different segments available to view.

Broadcasting Results

1. In the data display box, left click the broadcast icon. This will open the "Link Details!," window.
2. In the Link Details! window, expand the drop-down menu to display different broadcast targets. This can be whispered to another player, sent to a party or raid group, or to your guild. You can also set how many lines of data are sent by sliding the "Lines," bar.

3. Once you preferences are set, left click the "Send," button, and it will automatically send the data to the in-game chat system.

Figure 34 The broadcast icon will display several options to customize the data that will be broadcasted.

Clearing/Deleting Data

1. In the data display box, hover over the delete icon. This will display several options for deleting data.
2. Selecting "Reset All Data," will erase ALL data since the beginning of recording.

Figure 35 The delete icon will display multiple options for clearing data.

Troubleshooting and FAQ

Q: Details! is not showing up after I installed it.

- Make sure that the addon is installed correctly. Check the directory: World of Warcraft_retail_\Interface\AddOns and make sure the folder "Details" is present.
- Sometimes the addon may not be enabled by default when installing. Check the AddOns menu in-game and ensure that it is enabled. Then, type /reloadui in the in game chatbox to reload the user interface and load any addons.
- If none of that works, reinstall the addon.

Q: I'm getting a UI error when trying to load Details! and it's not working properly.

- Load UI errors usually occur due to out-of-date addons. Addons can be updated using the CurseForge app.
- Because addons are created and maintained by the community, it may take time for updates to become available after the game updates.

Q: I accidentally closed my only data window! How do I open a new window?

- A new window can be opened by typing in the command /details new into the in game chatbox and pressing enter/return. This will force a new meter window to open.

Q: What are some useful commands I should know?

- /details opens the options window
- /details reset resets all windows back to their default position
- /details toggle will show/hide windows
- /details new will create a new meter window
- /details wipe will clear ALL data