Toolbar Class v1.0.0 - Documentation

Overview

Production-ready toolbar class for AutoHotkey v2 that provides an easy-to-use interface for creating professional toolbars with icons, tooltips, and comprehensive error handling.

Features

- Button Management: Add, enable, disable, show, and hide buttons
- **Icons**: Support for system icon libraries and custom icon files
- Enhanced Tooltips: Custom tooltip text with keyboard shortcuts and descriptions
- **Separators**: Visual grouping of related buttons
- Validation: Comprehensive error checking for GUI objects, callbacks, and icon files
- **Debug Logging**: Optional logging to file for troubleshooting
- Resizable: Automatic sizing and manual resize support

Installation

- 1. Save Toolbar Class.ahk to your AutoHotkey Lib folder:
 - o %A MyDocuments%\AutoHotkey\Lib\
- 2. Include in your script:
- 3. #Include <Toolbar Class>

Quick Start

```
#Requires AutoHotkey v2.0.2+
#Include <Toolbar Class>

; Create GUI
objMyGui := Gui("+Resize", "My Application")

; Create toolbar
objMyToolbar := Toolbar(objMyGui, "x0 y0 w800 h35")

; Add buttons
objMyToolbar.Add("New", handleNew, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 1,
"Create new document (Ctrl+N)")
objMyToolbar.Add("Open", handleOpen, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 4,
"Open file (Ctrl+O)")
objMyToolbar.AddSeparator()
objMyToolbar.Add("Exit", handleExit, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 238,
"Exit application")
```

```
; Finalize and show
objMyToolbar.AutoSize()
objMyGui.Show("w800 h600")

; Callback functions
handleNew(*) {
    MsgBox("New clicked")
}

handleOpen(*) {
    MsgBox("Open clicked")
}

handleExit(*) {
    ExitApp()
}
```

Constructor

```
Toolbar(objGui, strOptions := "x0 y0 w800 h35")
```

Creates a new toolbar attached to a GUI window.

Parameters:

- objGui (Gui object, required) Parent GUI window object
- stroptions (string, optional) Positioning options (default: "x0 y0 w800 h35")

Returns: Toolbar object

Validation:

- Throws TypeError if objGui is not a valid Gui object
- Throws TypeError if objGui lacks hwnd property
- Throws ValueError if GUI hwnd is invalid or zero

Example:

```
objMyGui := Gui()
objMyToolbar := Toolbar(objMyGui) ; Uses default position
objMyToolbar2 := Toolbar(objMyGui, "x0 y0 w1200 h40") ; Custom size
```

Methods

```
Add(strText, funcCallback, strIconFile := "", intIconIndex := 1, strTooltip := "")
```

Adds a button to the toolbar.

Parameters:

- strText (string, required) Button label text (can be empty for icon-only)
- funcCallback (function, required) Function to call when button is clicked
- strIconFile (string, optional) Path to icon file (e.g., DLL, ICO, EXE)
- intIconIndex (integer, optional) Icon index within file (default: 1)
- strTooltip (string, optional) Custom tooltip text (defaults to strText)

Returns: Command ID (integer) - Use to enable/disable/show/hide the button

Validation:

- Throws TypeError if funcCallback is not a function object
- Shows warning if both strText and strIconFile are empty
- Shows warning if strIconFile doesn't exist (creates text-only button)

Examples:

```
; Standard button with icon and text
intID := objMyToolbar.Add("Save", handleSave,
"C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 259)

; Button with enhanced tooltip
objMyToolbar.Add("Copy", handleCopy, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 261,
"Copy selected text (Ctrl+C)")

; Text-only button (no icon)
objMyToolbar.Add("Help", handleHelp, "", 0, "Show help information")

; Icon-only button (no text)
objMyToolbar.Add("", handleInfo, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 222,
"Application information")
```

AddSeparator()

Adds a visual separator between buttons for grouping.

Parameters: None

Returns: None

Example:

```
objMyToolbar.Add("New", handleNew, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 1)
objMyToolbar.Add("Open", handleOpen, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 4)
objMyToolbar.AddSeparator() ; Visual divider
```

Enable(intCmdID)

Enables a previously disabled button.

Parameters:

• intCmdID (integer, required) - Command ID returned from Add()

Returns: None

Example:

```
intSaveID := objMyToolbar.Add("Save", handleSave,
"C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 259)
objMyToolbar.Disable(intSaveID) ; Initially disabled
; ... later ...
objMyToolbar.Enable(intSaveID) ; Now enabled
```

Disable (intCmdID)

Disables a button (grayed out, not clickable).

Parameters:

• intCmdID (integer, required) - Command ID returned from Add()

Returns: None

Example:

```
intSaveID := objMyToolbar.Add("Save", handleSave,
"C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 259)
objMyToolbar.Disable(intSaveID) ; Disable the Save button
```

Show(intCmdID)

Shows a previously hidden button.

Parameters:

• intCmdID (integer, required) - Command ID returned from Add()

Returns: None

Example:

objMyToolbar.Show(intButtonID)

Hide(intCmdID)

Hides a button from the toolbar.

Parameters:

• intCmdID (integer, required) - Command ID returned from Add()

Returns: None

Example:

objMyToolbar.Hide(intButtonID)

AutoSize()

Automatically sizes the toolbar to fit all buttons.

Parameters: None

Returns: None

Example:

```
; Add all buttons first objMyToolbar.Add("New", handleNew, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 1) objMyToolbar.Add("Open", handleOpen, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 4); Then auto-size objMyToolbar.AutoSize()
```

Resize(intWidth, intHeight)

Manually resizes the toolbar.

Parameters:

- intWidth (integer, required) New width in pixels
- intHeight (integer, required) New height in pixels

Returns: None

Example:

```
resizeWindow(objGui, intMinMax, intWidth, intHeight) {
   if (intMinMax = -1)
        return
   objMyToolbar.Resize(intWidth, 35)
}
objMyGui.OnEvent("Size", resizeWindow)
```

GetButtonCount()

Returns the number of buttons in the toolbar.

Parameters: None

Returns: Integer - Number of buttons

Example:

```
intCount := objMyToolbar.GetButtonCount()
MsgBox("Toolbar has " intCount " buttons")
```

SetDebug(boolEnable)

Enables or disables debug logging to file.

Parameters:

• boolEnable (boolean, required) - True to enable, False to disable

Returns: None

Notes:

- Creates ToolbarDebug.log in script directory
- Logs all notifications, warnings, and errors
- Useful for troubleshooting tooltip and callback issues

Example:

Common Icon Sources

Windows System Icons (shell32.dll)

Located at: C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll

Common icon indices:

- 1: New document
- 4: Open folder
- 16: Folder
- 21: Help
- 22: Search
- 238: Power/Exit
- 259: Save
- 260: Cut
- 261: Copy
- 262: Paste

Example:

```
objMyToolbar.Add("New", handleNew, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 1)
```

Custom Icons

You can use:

- .ico files
- .exe files (program icons)
- .dll files (icon libraries)

Example:

```
objMyToolbar.Add("Custom", handleCustom, "C:\MyApp\Icons\custom.ico", 1)
objMyToolbar.Add("App", handleApp, "C:\Program Files\MyApp\app.exe", 1)
```

Error Handling

The Toolbar class includes comprehensive validation:

Constructor Errors

```
; Invalid GUI parameter
try {
    objBadToolbar := Toolbar("notAGui") ; Throws TypeError
```

```
} catch as objError {
    MsgBox("Error: " objError.Message)
}

; Destroyed GUI
try {
    objGui := Gui()
    objGui.Destroy()
    objBadToolbar := Toolbar(objGui) ; Throws ValueError
} catch as objError {
    MsgBox("Error: " objError.Message)
}
```

Button Addition Errors

```
; Invalid callback
try {
    objMyToolbar.Add("Bad", "notAFunction",
"C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 1) ; Throws TypeError
} catch as objError {
    MsgBox("Error: " objError.Message)
}
; Missing icon file (warning, not error)
objMyToolbar.Add("Missing", handleTest, "C:\DoesNotExist.ico", 1) ; Shows warning, creates text-only button
; Empty button (warning, not error)
objMyToolbar.Add("", handleTest, "", 1) ; Shows warning once
```

Complete Examples

Example 1: Simple Toolbar



```
#Requires AutoHotkey v2.0.2+
#SingleInstance
#Include <Toolbar Class>
```

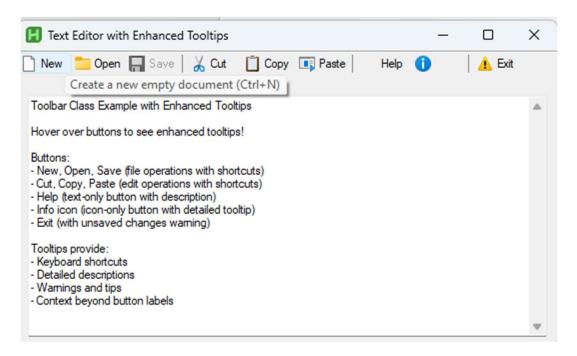
```
global objMyGui := Gui("+Resize", "Simple Toolbar Demo")
global objMyToolbar := Toolbar(objMyGui)

objMyToolbar.Add("New", handleNew, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 1)
objMyToolbar.Add("Open", handleOpen, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 4)
objMyToolbar.Add("Save", handleSave, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 259)
objMyToolbar.AddSeparator()
objMyToolbar.Add("Exit", handleExit, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 238)

objMyToolbar.AutoSize()
objMyToolbar.AutoSize()
objMyGui.Show("w400 h300")

handleNew(*) => MsgBox("New")
handleOpen(*) => MsgBox("Open")
handleSave(*) => MsgBox("Save")
handleExit(*) => ExitApp()
```

Example 2: Text Editor with Full Functionality



Example 3: Error Testing

- Constructor validation
- Callback validation
- Icon file validation
- Button configuration validation

```
#Requires AutoHotkey v2.0.2+
#SingleInstance
;===== Toolbar Error Testing Script v1.2.0 ========
; Description: Tests error handling and validation in Toolbar class
#Include <Toolbar Class>
; ===== TEST GROUP A: Constructor Validation (before creating GUI) =====
MsgBox("TEST GROUP A: Constructor (GUI) Validation'n'nTesting various invalid GUI
parameters.", "Test Group", "Icon! 64")
; ===== TEST A1: String instead of GUI object =====
intResult := MsgBox("TEST A1: Creating toolbar with STRING instead of GUI object'n'nThis
should THROW AN ERROR.", "Test Info", "OKCancel Icon! 64")
if (intResult = "OK") {
  try {
    objBadToolbar := Toolbar("myGui")
    MsgBox("ERROR: Should have thrown an exception!", "Test Failed", "IconX")
  } catch as objError {
    MsgBox("SUCCESS: Caught error as expected!'n'nError Type: "Type(objError)
"'nMessage: " objError.Message, "Test Passed", "Icon!")
```

```
}
}
; ===== TEST A2: Number instead of GUI object =====
intResult := MsgBox("TEST A2: Creating toolbar with NUMBER instead of GUI object'n'nThis
should THROW AN ERROR.", "Test Info", "OKCancel Icon! 64")
if (intResult = "OK") {
  try {
    objBadToolbar := Toolbar(12345)
    MsgBox("ERROR: Should have thrown an exception!", "Test Failed", "IconX")
  } catch as objError {
    MsgBox("SUCCESS: Caught error as expected!'n'nError Type: " Type(objError)
"'nMessage: " objError.Message, "Test Passed", "Icon!")
  }
}
; ===== TEST A3: Wrong object type (no hwnd property) =====
intResult := MsgBox("TEST A3: Creating toolbar with WRONG OBJECT TYPE'n'nThis
should THROW AN ERROR.", "Test Info", "OKCancel Icon! 64")
if (intResult = "OK") {
  try {
    objWrongType := {test: "value", data: 123}
    objBadToolbar := Toolbar(objWrongType)
    MsgBox("ERROR: Should have thrown an exception!", "Test Failed", "IconX")
  } catch as objError {
```

```
MsgBox("SUCCESS: Caught error as expected!'n'nError Type: " Type(objError)
"'nMessage: " objError.Message, "Test Passed", "Icon!")
}
; ===== TEST A4: Destroyed GUI (hwnd = 0) =====
intResult := MsgBox("TEST A4: Creating toolbar with DESTROYED GUI'n'nThis should
THROW AN ERROR.", "Test Info", "OKCancel Icon! 64")
if (intResult = "OK") {
  try {
    objDeadGui := Gui()
    objDeadGui.Destroy()
    objBadToolbar := Toolbar(objDeadGui)
    MsgBox("ERROR: Should have thrown an exception!", "Test Failed", "IconX")
  } catch as objError {
    MsgBox("SUCCESS: Caught error as expected!'n'nError Type: "Type(objError)
"`nMessage: " objError.Message, "Test Passed", "Icon!")
  }
; ===== Now create valid GUI for remaining tests =====
MsgBox("Constructor validation complete!'n'nNow creating VALID GUI for remaining tests.",
"Test Info", "Icon!")
; Global variables
```

```
global objMyGui := ""
global objMyToolbar := ""
; Valid callback functions
handleTest1(*) {
  MsgBox("Test 1 clicked - Valid callback")
}
handleTest2(*) {
  MsgBox("Test 2 clicked - Valid callback")
}
handleTest3(*) {
  MsgBox("Test 3 clicked - Valid callback")
}
handleExit(*) {
  ExitApp()
}
; Create GUI and toolbar
objMyGui := Gui("+Resize", "Toolbar Error Testing")
objMyToolbar := Toolbar(objMyGui, "x0 y0 w600 h35")
```

```
; Enable debug mode to see all warnings/errors logged
objMyToolbar.SetDebug(true)
MsgBox("TEST GROUP B: Button Validation'n'nTesting various button configurations.", "Test
Group", "Icon! 64")
; ===== TEST 1: Valid buttons (should work fine) =====
MsgBox("TEST 1: Adding valid buttons'n'nThese should all work correctly.", "Test Info",
"Icon! 64")
objMyToolbar.Add("Valid 1", handleTest1, "shell32.dll", 1, "This is a valid button with text and
icon")
objMyToolbar.Add("Valid 2", handleTest2, "shell32.dll", 4, "Another valid button")
objMyToolbar.AddSeparator()
; ===== TEST 2: Button with no text or icon (should warn) =====
intResult := MsgBox("TEST 2: Adding button with no text AND no icon'n'nThis should show a
validation warning.", "Test Info", "OKCancel Icon! 64")
if (intResult = "OK") {
  objMyToolbar.Add("", handleTest3, "", 1)
}
; ===== TEST 3: Text-only button (should work, no warning) =====
intResult := MsgBox("TEST 3: Adding text-only button (no icon)'n'nThis is valid - no warning
expected.", "Test Info", "OKCancel Icon! 64")
```

```
if (intResult = "OK") {
  objMyToolbar.Add("Text Only", handleTest3)
}
; ===== TEST 4: Icon-only button (should work, no warning) =====
intResult := MsgBox("TEST 4: Adding icon-only button (no text)'n'nThis is valid - no warning
expected.", "Test Info", "OKCancel Icon! 64")
if (intResult = "OK") {
  objMyToolbar.Add("", handleTest3, "shell32.dll", 222)
}
objMyToolbar.AddSeparator()
; ===== TEST 5: Invalid callback - String instead of function =====
intResult := MsgBox("TEST 5: Adding button with STRING callback'n'nThis should THROW
AN ERROR and stop the script.", "Test Info", "OKCancel Icon! 64")
if (intResult = "OK") {
  try {
    objMyToolbar.Add("Bad Callback", "handleTest1", "shell32.dll", 5)
    MsgBox("ERROR: Should have thrown an exception!", "Test Failed", "IconX")
  } catch as objError {
    MsgBox("SUCCESS: Caught error as expected!'n'nError Type: "Type(objError)
"`nMessage: " objError.Message, "Test Passed", "Icon!")
  }
}
```

```
; ===== TEST 6: Invalid callback - Undefined function ======
intResult := MsgBox("TEST 6: Adding button with UNDEFINED function'n'nThis should
THROW AN ERROR.", "Test Info", "OKCancel Icon! 64")
if (intResult = "OK") {
  try {
    objMyToolbar.Add("Undefined", handleUndefinedFunction, "shell32.dll", 6)
    MsgBox("ERROR: Should have thrown an exception!", "Test Failed", "IconX")
  } catch as objError {
    MsgBox("SUCCESS: Caught error as expected!'n'nError Type: "Type(objError)
"`nMessage: " objError.Message, "Test Passed", "Icon!")
  }
}
; ===== TEST 7: Invalid callback - Wrong object type =====
intResult := MsgBox("TEST 7: Adding button with OBJECT callback (not Func) 'n'nThis should
THROW AN ERROR.", "Test Info", "OKCancel Icon! 64")
if (intResult = "OK") {
  try {
    objBadCallback := {test: "value"}
    objMyToolbar.Add("Wrong Object", objBadCallback, "shell32.dll", 7)
    MsgBox("ERROR: Should have thrown an exception!", "Test Failed", "IconX")
  } catch as objError {
    MsgBox("SUCCESS: Caught error as expected!'n'nError Type: "Type(objError)
"`nMessage: " objError.Message, "Test Passed", "Icon!")
```

```
}
}
; ===== TEST 8: Invalid callback - Number =====
intResult := MsgBox("TEST 8: Adding button with NUMBER callback'n'nThis should
THROW AN ERROR.", "Test Info", "OKCancel Icon! 64")
if (intResult = "OK") {
  try {
    objMyToolbar.Add("Number", 12345, "shell32.dll", 8)
    MsgBox("ERROR: Should have thrown an exception!", "Test Failed", "IconX")
  } catch as objError {
    MsgBox("SUCCESS: Caught error as expected!`n`nError Type: " Type(objError)
"'nMessage: " objError.Message, "Test Passed", "Icon!")
  }
}
; ===== TEST 9: Invalid icon file - File doesn't exist =====
intResult := MsgBox("TEST 9: Adding button with NON-EXISTENT icon file'n'nThis should
show a warning and create button without icon.", "Test Info", "OKCancel Icon! 64")
if (intResult = "OK") {
  objMyToolbar.Add("Bad Icon", handleTest3, "C:\DoesNotExist.ico", 1, "Icon file doesn't
exist")
}
; ===== TEST 10: Invalid icon file - Typo in filename =====
```

```
intResult := MsgBox("TEST 10: Adding button with TYPO in icon filename'n'nThis should
show a warning (if first invalid icon) and create button without icon.", "Test Info", "OKCancel
Icon! 64")
if (intResult = "OK") {
  objMyToolbar.Add("Typo Icon", handleTest3, "shel32.dll", 1, "Typo in shell32.dll")
}
; ===== TEST 11: Valid icon file after invalid ones =====
intResult := MsgBox("TEST 11: Adding button with VALID icon file`n`nThis should work
normally after previous icon errors.", "Test Info", "OKCancel Icon! 64")
if (intResult = "OK") {
  objMyToolbar.Add("Valid Again", handleTest3, "shell32.dll", 3, "Valid icon after errors")
}
; Add exit button
objMyToolbar.AddSeparator()
objMyToolbar.Add("Exit", handleExit, "shell32.dll", 238, "Close this test window")
; Finalize toolbar
objMyToolbar.AutoSize()
; Add info text
objMyGui.AddText("x10 y45 w580 h300",
  "Toolbar Error Testing Complete!'n'n"
  "Check the ToolbarDebug.log file in the script directory for detailed logging.'n'n"
```

```
"Tests performed:`n`n"
  "GROUP A - Constructor Validation: 'n"
  "√ String instead of GUI (error caught)`n"
  "√ Number instead of GUI (error caught)`n"
  "√ Wrong object type (error caught)'n"
  "✓ Destroyed GUI (error caught)`n`n"
  "GROUP B - Button Validation:'n"
  "√ Valid buttons with text and icon'n"
  "√ Button with no text or icon (warning)`n"
  "√ Text-only button (valid)`n"
  "√ Icon-only button (valid)`n"
  "√ Invalid callbacks (errors caught)`n"
  "√ Non-existent icon file (warning)`n"
  "√ Typo in icon filename (warning)`n"
  "√ Valid icon after errors (works)`n`n"
  "Click the toolbar buttons to test functionality.")
; Show GUI
objMyGui.Show("w600 h400")
```

MsgBox("All tests complete!`n`nThe toolbar is now ready to use.`nCheck ToolbarDebug.log for details.", "Testing Complete", "Icon!")

Best Practices

1. Store Command IDs for Dynamic Control

```
intSaveID := objMyToolbar.Add("Save", handleSave,
"C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 259)
objMyToolbar.Disable(intSaveID) ; Initially disabled

; Enable when text changes
objMyEdit.OnEvent("Change", (*) => objMyToolbar.Enable(intSaveID))
```

2. Use Separators for Visual Grouping

```
; File operations objMyToolbar.Add("New", handleNew, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 1) objMyToolbar.Add("Open", handleOpen, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 4) objMyToolbar.AddSeparator()

; Edit operations objMyToolbar.Add("Cut", handleCut, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 260) objMyToolbar.Add("Copy", handleCopy, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 261)
```

3. Provide Enhanced Tooltips

```
; Include keyboard shortcuts objMyToolbar.Add("Save", handleSave, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 259, "Save document (Ctrl+S)")

; Include helpful context objMyToolbar.Add("Exit", handleExit, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 238, "Close application (unsaved changes will be lost)")
```

4. Handle Window Resizing

```
resizeWindow(objGui, intMinMax, intWidth, intHeight) {
   if (intMinMax = -1)
        return
   objMyToolbar.Resize(intWidth, 35)
   ; Adjust other controls...
}
objMyGui.OnEvent("Size", resizeWindow)
```

5. Use Full Paths for Icon Files

```
; Good - Full path
objMyToolbar.Add("New", handleNew, "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll", 1)
```

```
; Bad - Relative path (may cause warnings) objMyToolbar.Add("New", handleNew, "shell32.dll", 1) ; Will show warning
```

6. Enable Debug Mode During Development

```
objMyToolbar.SetDebug(true) ; Enable during development
; Test your toolbar...
; Check ToolbarDebug.log for issues
objMyToolbar.SetDebug(false) ; Disable for production
```

Troubleshooting

Tooltips Not Showing

- 1. Enable debug mode: objMyToolbar.SetDebug(true)
- 2. Check ToolbarDebug.log for TBN_GETINFOTIP notifications
- 3. Verify tooltip text is being set correctly
- 4. Ensure you're hovering long enough (~1 second)

Icons Not Appearing

- 1. Verify icon file path is correct and absolute
- 2. Check icon index is valid for that file
- 3. Enable debug mode to see icon file warnings
- 4. Use a known-good icon source like shell32.dll

Buttons Not Responding

- 1. Verify callback function is defined
- 2. Enable debug mode to see NM CLICK notifications
- 3. Check that callback function signature matches: handleFunction(*)

Constructor Errors

- 1. Ensure GUI object is created before toolbar
- 2. Don't create toolbar on destroyed GUI
- 3. Pass actual Gui object, not string or number

Version History

v1.0.0 - Production Release

- Complete button management system
- Enhanced tooltip support
- Comprehensive error handling and validation
- Debug logging capability
- Full documentation and examples

Requirements

- AutoHotkey v2.0.2 or later
- Windows OS (uses Windows Common Controls)

License

This class is provided as-is for use in AutoHotkey v2 projects.

Support

For issues or questions:

- 1. Enable debug mode: objMyToolbar.SetDebug(true)
- 2. Check ToolbarDebug.log for detailed information
- 3. Review the error testing example for validation patterns
- 4. Consult the AutoHotkey v2 documentation at https://www.autohotkey.com/docs/v2/