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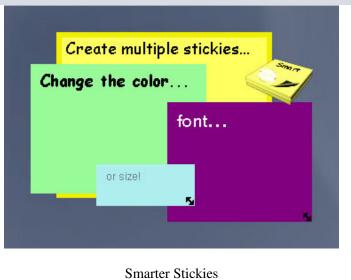


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William C. Barnes \*\*\*

DESCRIPTION

Software "sticky" notes for your computer screen that are smart enough to stay out of your way until you need them. You can arrange to hide a Smarter Sticky until a specific time, the next time you start your computer, or until you go looking for it.

### VERSION HISTORY

Features \* Multiple "stickies" may be individually sized and positioned.

- \* Stickies may be hidden until needed.
  - \* Multiple mode search function.
- \* Individual stickies may be set to be shown when the Widget starts.
- \* Each sticky has an alarm that may be set to show the sticky at a specific time and date.
- \* Stickies whose alarms have expired flash their borders and sound an audible alert. \* User chosen fonts, colors, and alarm sound.





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### Larry

Will, here is something else for you to keep in mind for your fixes to the off screen issue. I use dual moitors and span my desktop across both. I would keep the pad itself on the right monitor and the stickies on the left monitor.

With that suggested work around I will go back to your stickies and see if that works for me.

Also, i'd like to suggest that the search function default to not being case sensitive.

Did you ever work with a company in San Diego called Technology Locator? June 27, 2006 - This comment applies to version 1.0



## chilly

i find this widget very helpfull expecally for the wife to leave me notes as i goto my pc when i get home however i was not able to find them and cloesed the program and was looking for somthing simalar luckly i dicided to read the info and was also able to retrive the lost notes with shem's directions i looked and the update is not there yet hopefully it becomes avalable soon it ewill make it alot easyer to use this widget

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### OnLookER

Is XP Pro (vs. HOME) required for these to work?!? June 27, 2006 - This comment applies to version 1.0



# William C. Barnes

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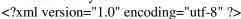
Thanks for the confirmation of Sherm's method and for sending the text of your lost sticky. Yep, your lost stickies were certainly far off the screen. I'm fairly certain that it's screen resolution changes that's causing the problem (at least that's the way I'm reproducing it. I've tested through at least a hundred sleep-wake cycles without a problem.

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cml

Here's the sticky text



- <note activeColor="#F0F000" alarm="0" borderColor="#FFFF90" font="Arial" height="192" hOffset="1005289897" noteColor="#FFFF60" showAtStartup="false" size="12" textColor="#000000" visible="1" vOffset="-137048465" width="276">

- <![CDATA[ another test sticky.

]]>

</note>

Do those large offset values mean that something is causing my stickies to wander way off the edges of the screen?

Looking forward to the new version, William. Thanks for your patience. June 26, 2006 - This comment applies to version 1.0



cm

Sherm's trick worked for me as well. When I put my computer (a laptop) into sleep mode and woke it up again this morning, all three of my stickies had vanished. Sherm's trick recovered them for me.

Will, thanks for pointing me to the correct folder for the widget data. Here's the next comment will contain the contents of one of the stickies before I used Sherm's trick to make it reappear.

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William C. Barnes Sherm -

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Thanks very much for sharing your method for restoring disappeared stickies. It works even better than the hack I put in version 1.1 (which should make it through Yahoo's approval process soon).

Thanks to Larry's post I've finally reproduced the problem. It arises when the screen resolution is changed (even temporarily - as by some games). I will submit a corrected widget (version 1.2?) hopefully by next weekend.

June 25, 2006 - This comment applies to version 1.0



# Sherm

Been using the widget for several days and am very pleased with its utility. I \*\*\*\* have 6 alarmed stickies. This afternoon they all disappeared, and I couldn't find them although the drop down window associated with pad indicated that there were 6. I read the comments of others and tried something that was mentioned.

I went to the Windows XP Task Manager , Applications tab - they were all listed there. The drop down list that came up when I right clicked on each included a maximize function that when selected casused them to reappeared, all stacked on top of the pad. You and the other users may find my experience helpful.

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William C. Barnes

Larry -

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Thank you very much for taking the time to post that sticky.

Smarter Stickies information is in the registry at:

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER|Software|Yahoo|WidgetEngine|Widgets|Smarter\_Stickies

I think you are correct in your hypothesis that they're somewhere off screen. The values hOffset and vOffset hold the screen position. While I guess you could theoretically have a screen more than a billion pixels wide, the negative vOffset certainly puts this sticky off screen.

Last night I submitted version 1.1 to the gallery. It should appear there within a day or two. The new version fixes the problems that Otamanos had and also contains a hack to make sure stickies are at least the minimum size (very small but visible) and to put them back on screen if they extend beyond it. The hack is applied whenever a sticky is shown. It should recover your missing stickies.

I apologize for your trouble and thank you for narrowing this problem for me. June 25, 2006 - This comment applies to version 1.0



#### arrv

Once again your sticky notes have disappeared! Everything appears to be functioning normally, they are searchable and hideable, so they must be off screen somewhere. They show up as running tasks. Here's the text of one of the missing stickies, but I really don't care at this point:

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<note activeColor="#F0F000" alarm="1151283300000" borderColor="#FFFF90"
font="Comic Sans MS" height="174" hOffset="1005289922" noteColor="#FFFF60"
showAtStartup="false" size="18" textColor="#000000" visible="1" vOffset="-
137048459" width="226">
<![CDATA[LTD Team Call
1-507-726-nnnn
xxxxx#
Monday's @ 6 PM]]>
</note>
What are the registry entries so I can delete them?
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William C. Barnes
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Terrific - I think you'll be able to provide the information I need.

First - You're in the wrong folder. I guess you got excited when you saw the "Smarter\_Stickies.widget" folder, I know I would have. The one you're in is where the engine runs the widget. Go back up to the "Widget Engine" folder and this time go down into the "Widget Data" folder. It should contain a "Smarter Stickies" folder which contains another copy of the help.html, its two supporting GIFs and the sticky files.

The sticky files are named sticky(X).xml where X is a number. The one we're interested in is not necessarily the lowest numbered. I suggest you delete any other stickies you've made which will cause the widget to immediately move their files to the recycle bin. Hopefully that will leave just one file.

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Open a copy of notepad and drop that sticky file onto it. Type Ctrl-A to select the whole thing and Ctrl-C to copy it to the clipboard. Then paste it into a note to me with Ctrl-V and we're off! Don't send me anything that you don't want the world to see. I'm not interested in the text of your note (unless, like Otamanos', it contains strange characters). Delete anything sensitive.

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THANKS THANKS THANKS!!!
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Sorry - the end of my comment got cut off. I continued:
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That's all there is in the folder. When I create new stickies, nothing changes in the folder! Is that normal? My new stickies (so far) survived quitting and restarting the widget engine.

Thanks for your help - I do appreciate it! June 23, 2006 - This comment applies to version 1.0

cml

Thanks William. I should have provided this information before!

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- \* I'm running Windows XP.
- \* Widget engine v. 3.1.4 (I think it's the most up-to-date).
- \* I'm not actually shure what happened to the sticky I just noticed at some point that it wasn't there. I'm sorry I can't offer more here.
- \* I didn't notice the number of stickies I've never noticed it being wrong. Right now it says "1" (although there are none showing, there should be the one that I had been using before it disappeared). If I create a new one, the new one will display, and the number changes to "2". Etc.
- \* Finally, and this may be important I'm not sure what a sticky file looks like. In the data folder you guided me to is a subfolder called "Contents" - that's all. In the "Contents" folder are the .WAV files, the .gif and .png files, the help file, something called Smarter Stickies.kon and something called stickies.js.

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William C. Barnes cml -



I'm very sorry you've experienced the problem, but I hope that you will give me some more information.

Are you on a Mac or a Windows machine? (Because I have no Mac to test on, I submitted this widget for Windows only.)

What version of the engine are you using? (Click the icon in the system tray and select "About Yahoo Widget Engine".)

Did your sticky just disappear or did it fail to reappear after a restart? Had it survived a restart previously?

Did you notice (before you made new stickies), was the number of existing stickies (in the pad context menu) 1 or 0? Is the number correct now?

Does the data folder ("C:/Documents and Settings/<user>/Local Settings/Application Data/YahooWidget Engine/Widget Data/Smarter\_Stickies" [Windows] or "~/Library /Application Support/Konfabulator/Widgets/Smarter\_Stickies" [Mac]) now have the correct number of sticky files?

Any help you can give me will be appreciated. Thank you.

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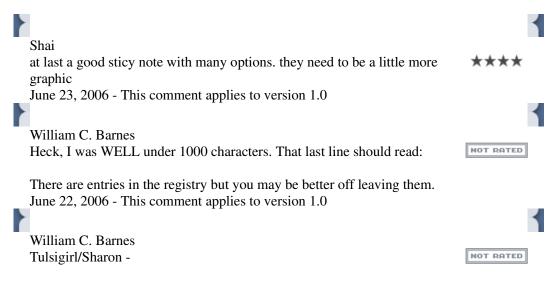


William, thanks for pointing me to the help; it did answer my questions about the colors and typefaces.

Unfortunately I have now also experienced the disappearing sticky problem, though without the beeping alarm (thank goodness) and I don't know how to solve it. I onlyt had one sticky, at the time, and it just vanished. I didn't change any settings on it or move it or anything; it just disappeared. I can't find it with the search feature, or with show stickies, or any other way. I rebooted my computer, restarted Yahoo! widgets, etc. It just won't appear.

I want to like this widget. :-( June 23, 2006 - This comment applies to version 1.0

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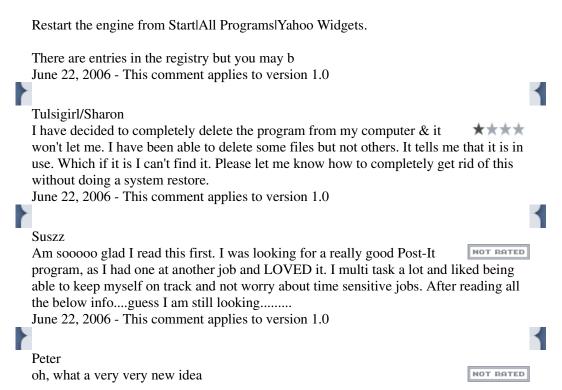
I'm sorry, I can not reproduce the problem you describe (beeping hidden stickies). If you (or anyone) can figure out how to make it happen - please let me know. I will soon submit an updated widget which fixes the missing stickies Otamanos had (see below) but it may not help your problem.

To uninstall Smarter Stickies:

Close the widget. Or quit the Yahoo Widget Engine (last item on its menu).

From the Start menu, Search, All files and folders, All or part of the file name: Smarter, More advanced options, check Search hidden files and folders (leave system folders and subfolders checked) then click Search. It'll take awhile.

Finally drag all the "Smarter\_Stickies", "Smarter Stickies", "Smarter\_Stickies.widget" and "Smarter Stickies.widget" files and folders you've found to the recycle bin.



... oh no, is this the 10th or 100rd different Stickies(Post it)-Version here on Yahoo! Widget Gallery?

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Larry

Well, I found the stickies and deleted them. Now all is working ok. There were stickies 1,2,3,5. would the missing 4 cause the problem?

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Absolutely would have given you 10 stars 2 days ago! But today I am having the same problems as Otamanos & Agamemnon. I am running Windows XP on Internet Explorer. Today everything disappeared. So I re-downloaded & everything almost immediately restarted. But then 2 of my stickies disappeared and I could find them anywhere. I tried the search using all suggestions online at help. Then worse, the alarm of one of them went off & could not turn it off. This Sticky answers everything I have been looking for. I just HAVE to have it. As for the Yahoo Widget Engine # I can't find it anywhere. However, I was suppose to have downloaded an update just before I downloaded your stickies about 3 days ago. I wish I had your e-mail as I bet I miss your response. However, I have tried to follow the instructions you gave the others, but I guess I can't understand them. I'm afraid, tho I'm a little, I'm not as computer literate as I wish I were.

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Larr

All my stickies disappered and the alarm keeps going off. I can't use the software. Where are the files, so i can delete the existing stickies? 5 exist, but nown show up. can't search them either. Other than i can't use the sftware, it was good. June 21, 2006 - This comment applies to version 1.0

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Larry -

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Is it possible that you set the opacity (in the widget preferences) so low that you can't see the stickies any more? If so, to fix it (while the widget is running), click the Yahoo Widget Engine icon in the system tray, select Widget Preferences|Smarter Stickies then adjust the Opacity slider (on the Window tab) so you can see your stickies again. But if that's not it, the files are stored in "C:/Documents and Settings/<user>/Local Settings/Application Data/YahooWidget Engine/Widget Data/Smarter\_Stickies" (Windows) or "~/Library/Application Support/Konfabulator/Widgets /Smarter\_Stickies" (Mac).

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William C. Barnes

Nice -

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I suspect you've left the downloaded widget (Smarter\_Stickies.widget) in some folder where it's being deleted whenever you reboot. Put it in "My Documents/My Widgets" where the rest of your widgets are and then execute it from there (by double-clicking on it).

cml -

I agree that the labels in the preference dialogs are not all that helpful. They're meant to be used after you've read the help file which I hope you've found by now, If not, right click on the little pad icon and select help from the menu. It should display the help file in your browser.

Tom -

Sorry, no Show All as such. Does the pad context menu show that you have 6 stickies "New Sticky (6 exist)"? Are you sure that they're not just on top of each other? You can effectively show all by searching for something that you KNOW is not in any of them (like "jhfgasjfg") using the Show Non-matches mode.

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Tom Goonan

Created 6 stickies... all unalarmed. However, when I choose 'Show
Unalarmed' only 3 of the 6 display. I've tried showing Alarmed as well bu I am unable to get the 3 missing stickies ot display. Is there any option to simply display all?

If I can get this to work... great program

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cml

I want to like this widget, but I can't figure out how to use it. Maybe I am just a dunce - but can you please tell me how to change the sticky color, how to change the typeface and size, etc? I don't undertstand the how the preferences menus. The only thing I've figured out how to do is change the color of the little pad icon, but that doesn't even seem to change the color of new sticky pages!

I had pasted text into the stickies that had a nice small typeface, but when I closed the widget and opened it again, it reverted to the hideous large comic sans which is I guess the default. How do I change this?

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Nice

Its very useful

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- rebooted computer and its gone, have to reinstall the .widget everytime I reboot. June 19, 2006 - This comment applies to version 1.0

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William C. Barnes Otamanos,

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Your sticky contains vertical tab characters (Ctrl-K, 0x0B) where one would expect to see newlines or returns. They were reasonably displayed as newlines when you pasted the text into the note, and were saved to the file, but the XML parser chokes on them when trying to read the file.

The next version of the widget will protect itself from this sort of thing.

Thank you again and I apologize for any inconvenience. June 19, 2006 - This comment applies to version 1.0



#### Otamanos

Hi William. Yes, I did what you had recommended (actually, have deleted the 3rd sticker from the folder), and now it's working fine so far, but have to watch it to make sure. Here I am pasting the content of that 3rd sticky file:

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?> <note activeColor="#F0F000" alarm="0" borderColor="#FFFFFF" font="Arial" height="127" hOffset="868" noteColor="#C0C0C0" showAtStartup="false" size="14" textColor="#000000" visible="1" vOffset="275" width="359"> <![CDATA[http://rapidshare.de/files/10675385/Canop.part2.rarhttp://rapidshare.de /files/10677900/Canop.part3.rarhttp://rapidshare.de/files/10678254/Canop.part4.rar http://rapidshare.de/files/10678345/Canop.part5.rarRAR password: jamezua]]> </note>

Will be happy if it helps you to correct the problem. June 19, 2006 - This comment applies to version 1.0



## William C. Barnes

Otamanos. I have managed to reproduce the error you describe and can tell NOT RATED you how to fix it.



The problem is threefold:

- 1) a sticky file that the program fails to read (your missing sticky)
- 2) an error in the code that should report the problem (this crashes the widget)
- 3) how the file came to be unreadable in the first place

Open the folder "C:/Documents and Settings/<user>/Local Settings/Application Data/Yahoo/Widget Engine/Widget Data/Smarter\_Stickies". It should contain help.html, 2 images, and your 3 stickies. The stickies will be named sticky(x).xml where x is a number (probably 1,2, and 3). Since the files are read in order, the problem file will be the third one (probably 3).

You can correct the problem by moving that file out of the folder. You could help me with #3 by dropping it on notepad and pasting it into your feedback.

I will correct #2 at least.

Thank you for your time and effort. June 19, 2006 - This comment applies to version 1.0



raiden22006 yea its ok i suppose June 19, 2006 - This comment applies to version 1.0

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# Otamanos

Hi William, I am using Windows XP Pro with SP2, the Yahoo Widget
Engine is the latest that is available on this site. The PC is working absolutely fine with all progz I have including all widgets that I installed. The first time the widget worked fine, but after PC reboot when I try to open Smarter Stickies widget, 2 stickers (of three I made) open, and then the Yahoo! Widget Engine pop-up window opens with the text: "Smarter\_Stickies was unable to load itself successfully". And there is also a button "Exit." at the bottom...

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# William C. Barnes

Otamanos & Agamemnon - I apologize for the problems you are experiencing with Smarter Stickies. I'm assuming that other than this particular widget, your PCs are working correctly.

# Could you please tell me:

What platform are you using? - Because I have no Mac to test on, I submitted this widget for Windows only.

What version of the Yahoo Widget Engine are you using? I developed this widget using 3.1.4 but it SHOULD work with versions as low as 3.0.

Could your copy of the widget file be corrupted? Dave McWhirter's "Hasher Lite" widget should report a checksum of: 907f6c4ffc85c1f25ecc7dbcd9179c8d. (I know I'm grasping at straws here but...)

It might be helpful if you could paste the exact text of any errors you see into your reports.

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# Agamemnon

Refering to the "bug" I said earlier .... I meant a problem with the computer ( wirus or incompatibility ) ... because the problem is in the widget .

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# Agamemnon

I totally agree with Otamanos ... It worked fine at the beginning ... but then it started to respond slower, then slower, then it crashed when I wanted to delete a note ... and now I can't even keep the widget open for more than 10 minutes! And I'm sure it's not a bug or something, I checked.

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#### **Otamanos**

Well, it worked fine when I opened it first time and made 3 different notes.

But after reloading the PC it opened only 2 notes of 3 and... then the separate Yahoo!

Widget Engine pop-up window with the text: Smarter\_Stickies was unable to load it successfully. Exit. :(

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# William C. Barnes

All - Thank you very much for your comments.

About the only way I can imagine "losing" a sticky (to the extent that Toshi reports) is

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to move it completely off the screen. Although this situation can happen if the screen resolution is changed, I decided it was not worth the effort to address what I thought a very unlikely problem.

While deleting the "Smarter\_Stickies.widget" file will certainly stop the alarm, it doesn't delete the sticky. Individual stickies are kept as files in the folder "C:Documents and Settings<user>Local SettingsApplication DataYahooWidget EngineWidget DataSmarter\_Stickies" (Windows) or "~/Library/Application Support/Konfabulator/Widgets/Smarter\_Stickies" (Mac). You can delete individual files or the whole folder.

If anyone else experiences this (or any other) problem, please report it here. June 19, 2006 - This comment applies to version 1.0

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Try deleting the "Smarter\_Stickies.widget" file from where ever you put it (e.g. the My Widgets folder in My Documents [Windows])

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Robert

Toshi or anyone else, can you explain how to uninstall this program?

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Toshi

see below... found it. :-)

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Toshi

Love it. Great Program, but I can't use it anymore because: I've created a \*\*\*\* sticky, alarmed it, and then hid it. No problem so far. Had a computer crash and rebooted. Now, the sticky's alarm is going off, but I can't make it visible, nor can I find where the sticky is, nor have I found a way to uninstall and reinstall your widget... I've even deleted everything I could see regarding your widget in the widget folder and in my local settings, reinstalled it, and it still beeps at me. Small bug, but very annoying. How do I fix it?

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Rober

The widget works fine, but I decided that I wanted to uninstall the widget and there doesn't seem to be a way to do that. Any suggestions? Why not include an uninstall feature on the next version?

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Myhrddin

Very nice.!

I use the 3M pro Post-Its (has a tabbed memo board to store 'em on) but, for now I'm disabling that and gonna give yours a go. I'd like to be able to select a slightly narrower border but, you've done a remarkable job on this.

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Fanatic

I replaced my Post-Its program with this one because it's more versitile. Works great, does everything I want.

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