

Would you like to know how to create a custom TurboCAD desktop and save the configuration for easy access?

A desktop configuration is an arrangement of tools, palettes, menus and keyboard assignments tailored specifically to suit one or more users. The desktop configuration (Workspace, User Interface) can be quite different from one of the default configurations that come with the program or it can be based, for the most part, on a default configuration with very few changes being made.

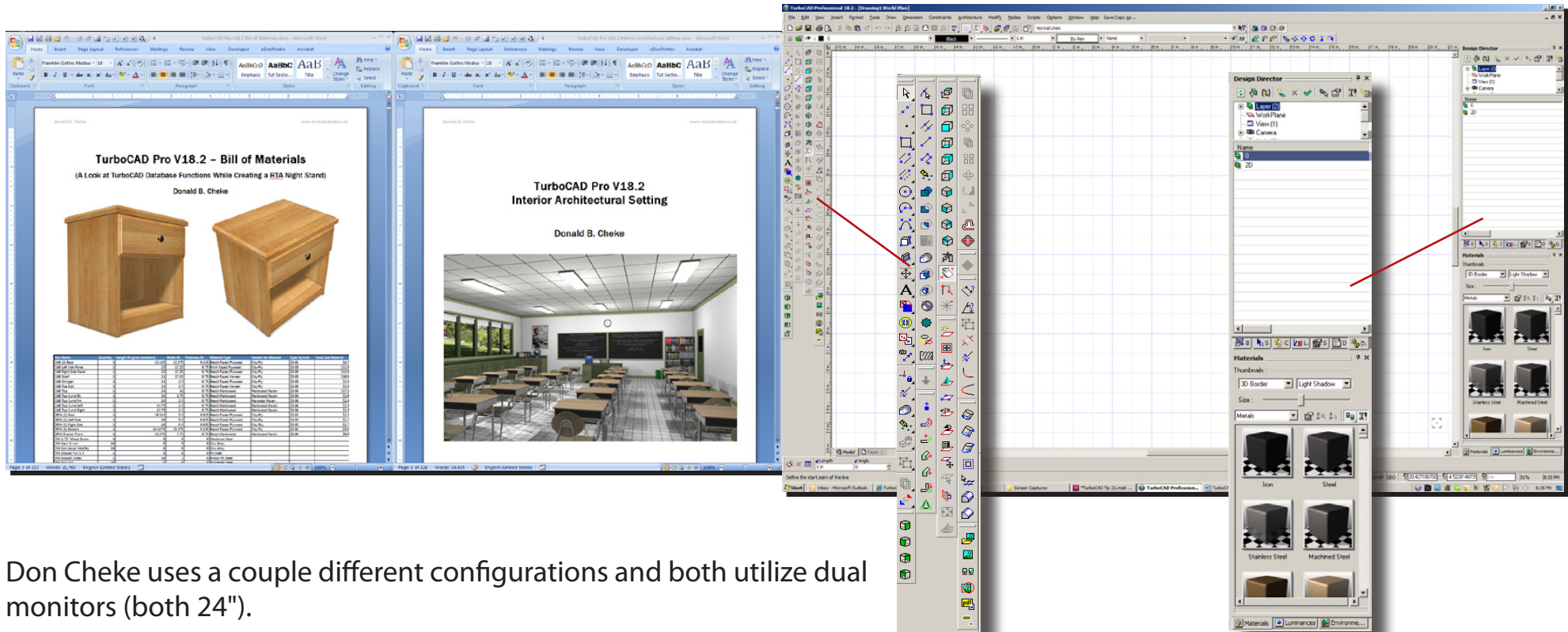
Creating a reusable personal desktop configuration with TurboCAD is actually quite easy but can be initially time consuming, if one has many changes in mind.

However, it is very convenient to have a saved configuration readily available when one needs to change to other configurations and then revert back, or when the program crashes and loses its settings which, sad to say, can happen occasionally.

This Tip is illustrated using a User Interface Theme (part of a default installation).



The ability to use dual monitors has been one of those marvelous advances in technology. Those that take advantage of dual monitors would have a difficult time reverting back to a single monitor as it would feel extremely confining.

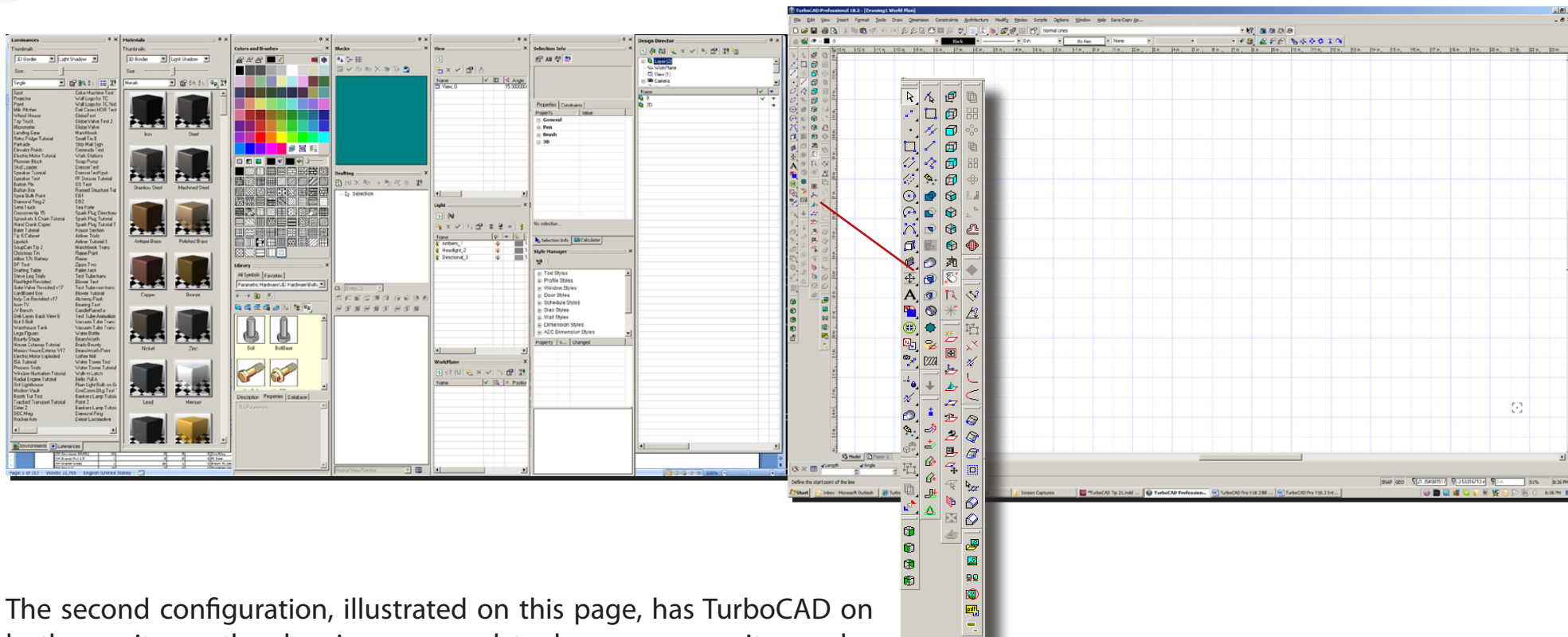


Don Cheke uses a couple different configurations and both utilize dual monitors (both 24").

The first configuration, illustrated on this page, has TurboCAD on one monitor and documents or other applications opened on the other.

This configuration is ideal when a user needs documentation opened while drawing.

Mostly a default desktop, but with additional high usage tools on the left side of the right monitor and nested/stacked palettes on the right of the same monitor.

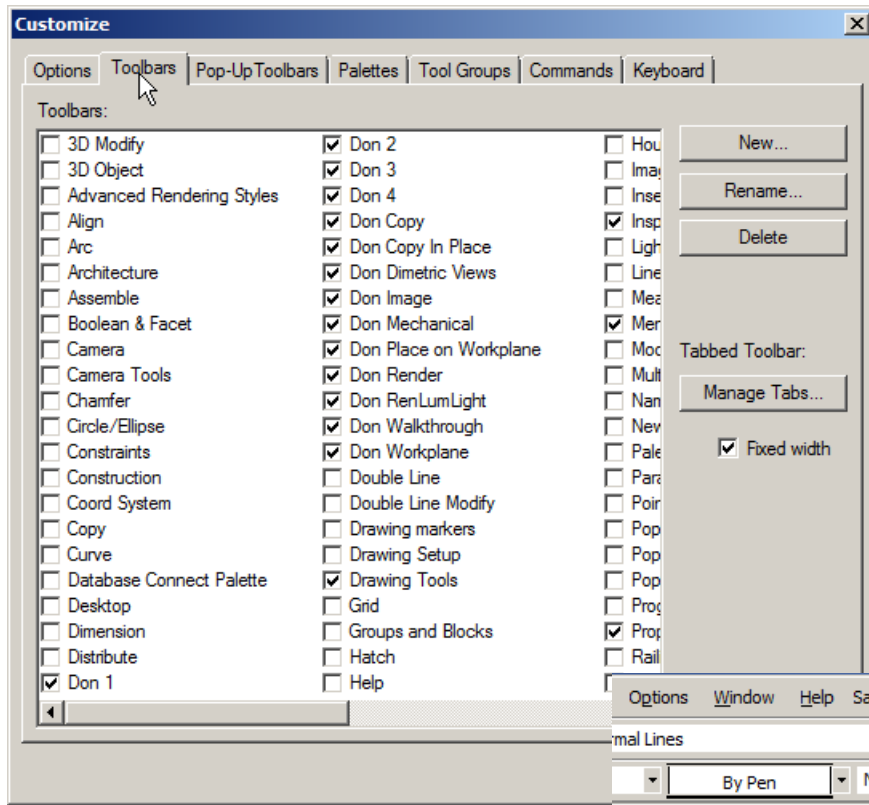


The second configuration, illustrated on this page, has TurboCAD on both monitors - the drawing area and tools on one monitor and a selection of palettes on the other.

This configuration is ideal when a user desires a large drawing area and wishes to keep an eye on the various palettes for information (or for quick selection of palette functions).

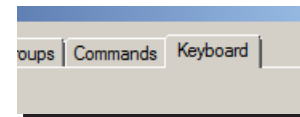
Mostly a default desktop, but with additional high usage tools on the left side of the drawing area of the right monitor and nested/stacked palettes on the left monitor.

To create a custom desktop a user must take time to arrange tools and palettes as desired. Toolbars can be turned on (or new ones created) and dragged to the desired location.

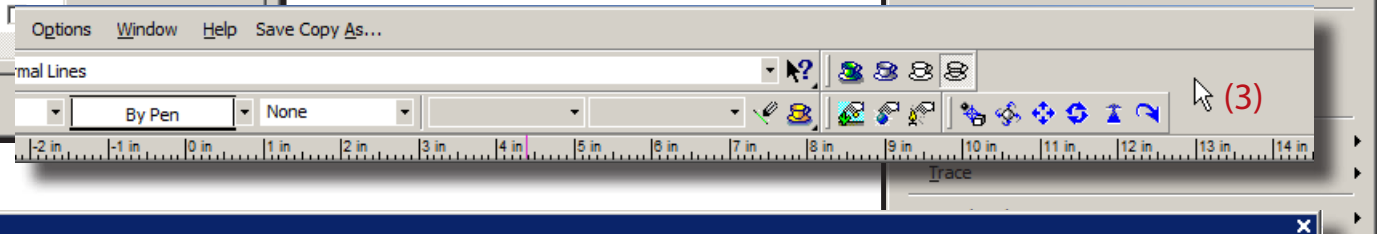
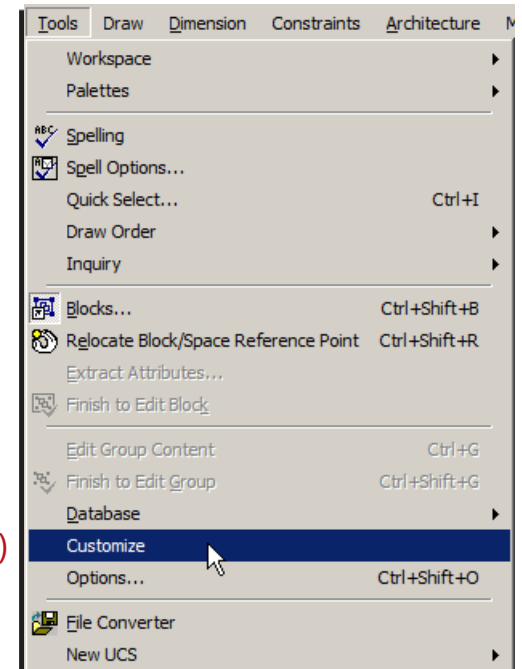


Toolbars can be turned on by selecting them in the customize dialogue which can be accessed from the desktop menu(1), the quick access icon on the Property toolbar(2) or by right mouse clicking in a gray area between toolbars(3).

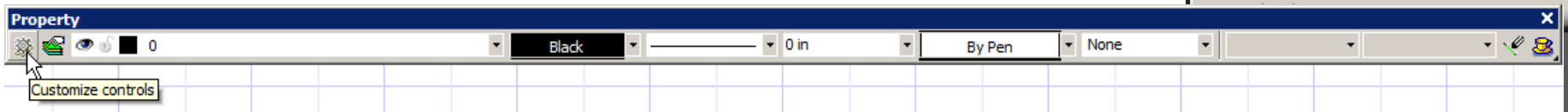
Keyboard assignments can be changed too, if desired.



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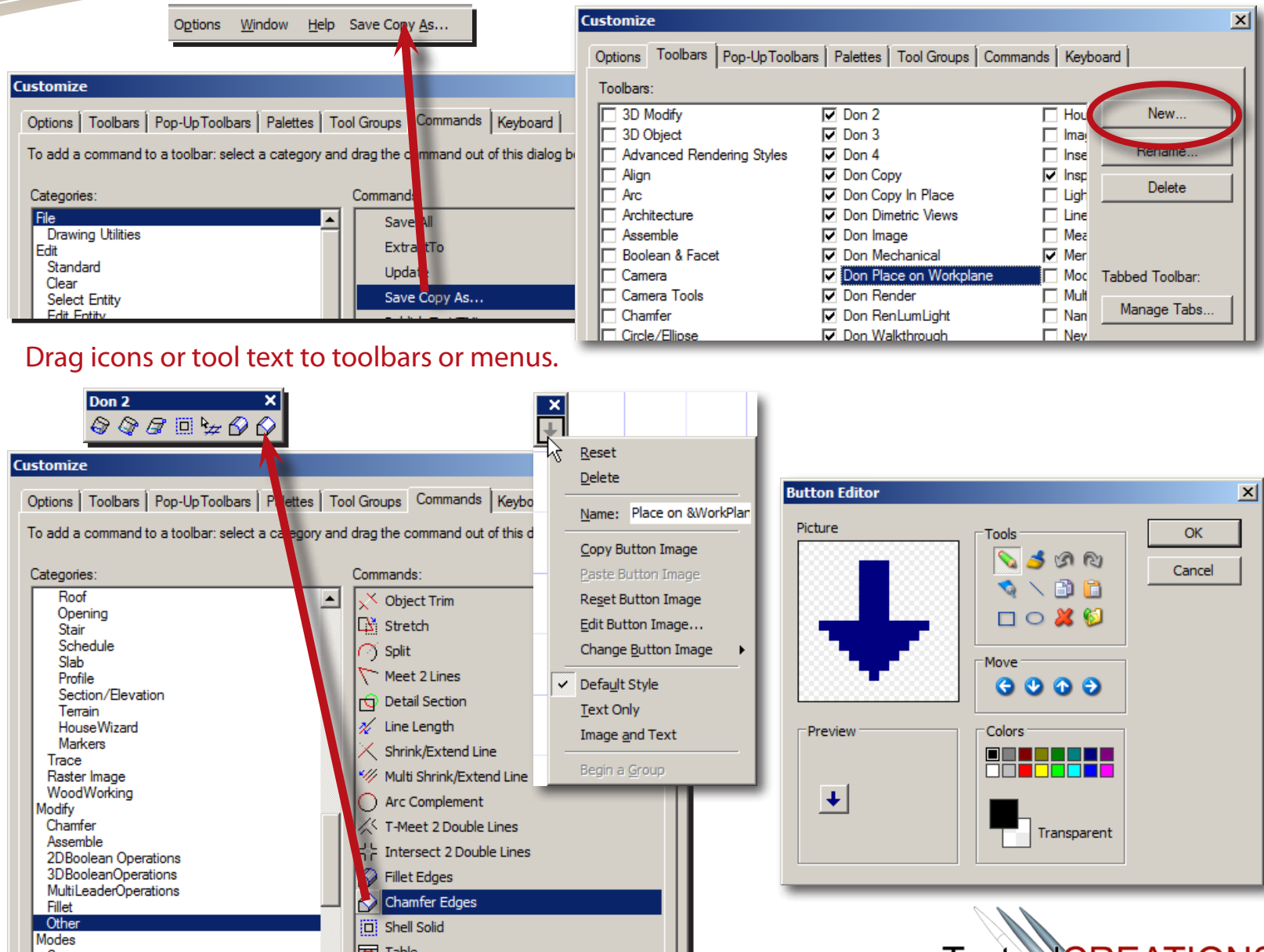
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New toolbars can be created.

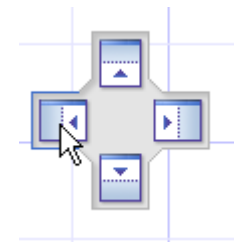
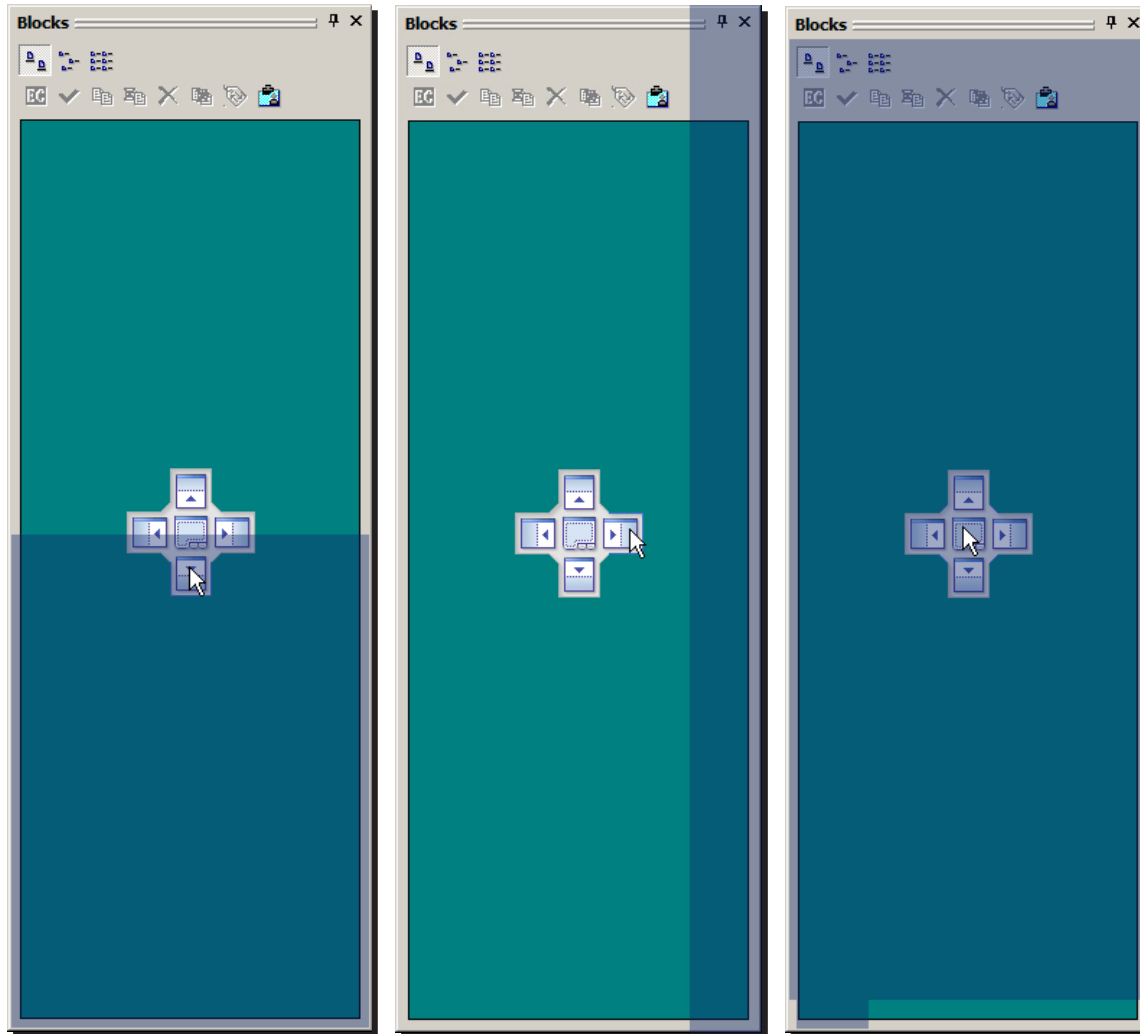
Additional tools can be dragged from the Commands menu of the Customize dialogue to any existing toolbars or to any new toolbars the user has created.

Don't forget - a user can customize or create new tool icons when the Customize dialogue is open. Simply right mouse click on the tool icon for the various options.



Drag icons or tool text to toolbars or menus.

Palettes can be stacked, joined, tabbed or attached to a different location on the desktop. Just drag the palette by the upper double bar to the desired landing device.

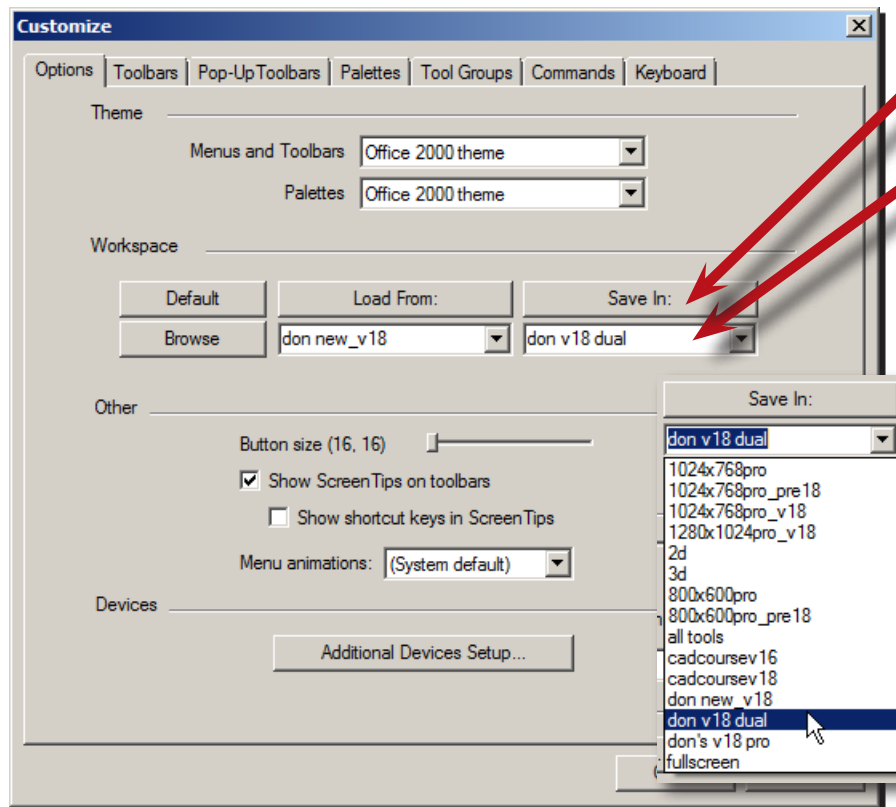


While in the drawing area, docking to left side of the desktop .

Once a user has established their desktop as desired the configuration can be saved.

This is done via the customize dialogue. Type the desired name in the Save In: field and then select the Save In button. The Customize dialogue can then be closed.

Many different configurations can be saved.

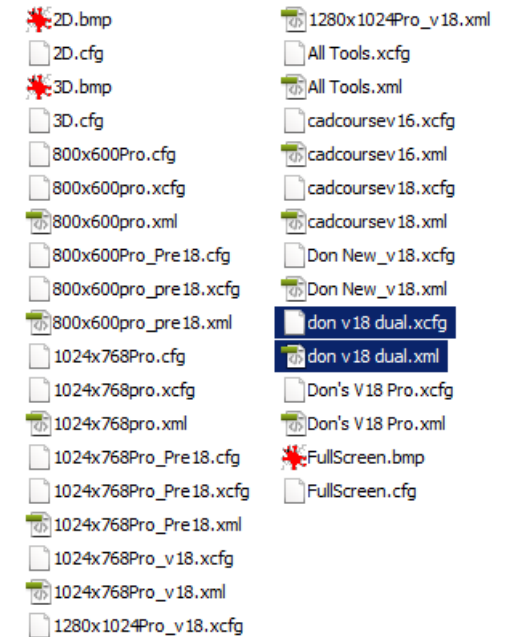


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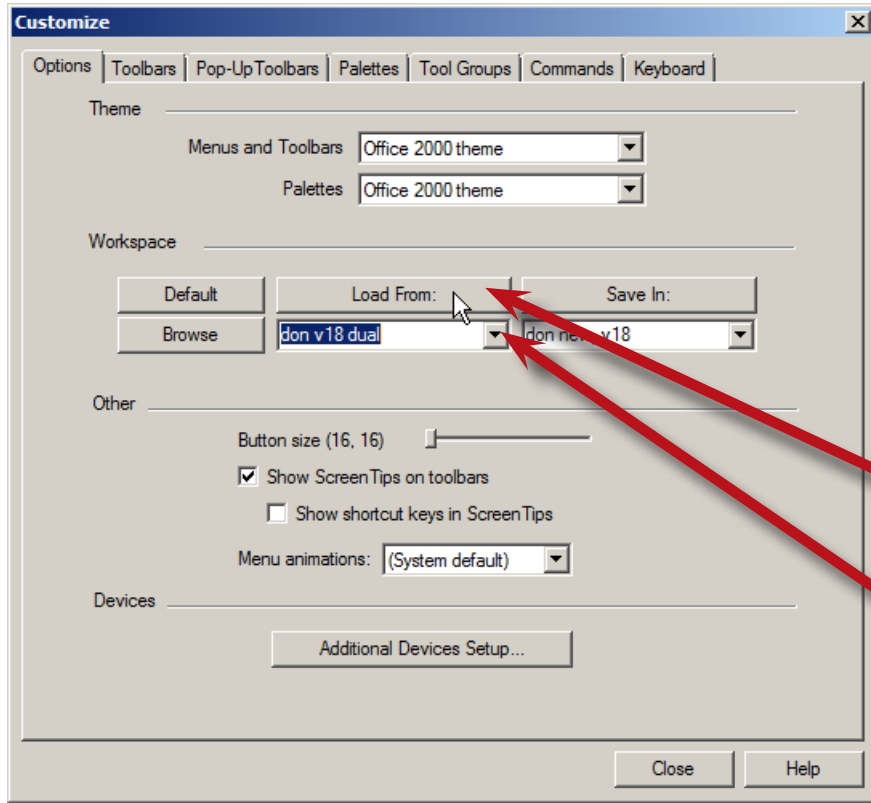
Config



Each configuration is saved with two files, by default in a user's Documents. Since they are not original program files they are not deleted even if the program is removed. This is great when reinstalls are required, since they will still be available - no recreation required.

C:\Users\USER NAME\Documents\TurboCAD Professional 18\Config

Resetting one's configuration is as easy as using a remote. Select the desired configuration name from the Load From drop down menu and then selecting the Load From button.



Select after choosing name

Select NAME from here



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