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Introduction

This manual provides information on how to use the Eee Top ET16 Series software tools that satisfy your everyday needs in different aspects:

- **Easy**
  - Eee Bar
  - Easy Mode
  - Easy Update
- **Work**
  - StarOffice™ 8 (StarSuite™ 8)
  - SoftStylus
- **Web**
  - Opera
- **Communication**
  - Eee Cam
  - Eee Memo
- **Fun**
  - Eee Cinema
  - Eee Splendid
- **Sharing**
  - ASUS AI Direct Link

To perform an action in any software tool, use your finger, the stylus pen, the keyboard or, the mouse.

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Eee Bar

Eee Bar resides on the desktop allowing you to launch applications quickly. You can also select a power saving mode for the system and control the front LED light.

Eee Bar is automatically launched when the OS starts, and by default it is hidden. Click an empty space on the desktop to display Eee Bar.

Using Eee Bar

Click any of the **Application**, **SoftStylus**, **ASHE**, and **LED** icons to display more options. Click the **Eee Manager** icon to switch to its main window mode.

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Eee Manager

Application

Allows you to launch applications by clicking the respective icons.

SoftStylus

Allows you to launch **SoftStylus**, a finger-writing recognition application with virtual keyboard.

ASUS Super Hybrid Engine (ASHE)

Allows you to select a power saving mode from **Super Performance**, **High Performance**, and **Power Saving**. Click **Yes** to the confirmation box.

LED

Allows you to turn on/off the front LED light or adjust its brightness.

Easy Mode

Easy Mode is a function-oriented mode that divides computer functions into four categories—**Communication**, **Fun**, **Work**, and **Tools**—allowing you to have quick access to applications easily. You may shift between Windows and Easy Mode any time; the applications in Easy Mode are the same as those in Windows.

Launching Easy Mode

When entering Windows OS, you will be asked if you want to enter Easy Mode. If you choose not to for now, you can launch Easy Mode any time by clicking the **Easy Mode** icon on **Eee bar**.

Click a function tab on the top to switch to that function and display pertinent items.

If you minimize the Easy Mode window, click the Easy Mode tray icon to restore it. You can right-click the tray icon and click **Setting** to configure preference settings.

Returning to Windows or shutting down

Click the **Shut down** tray icon to display the following panel. Click **Quit Easy Mode** to return to Windows, click **Shutdown** to turn off the system completely, and click **Quit** to cancel any action.

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Easy Mode desktop

The Easy Mode desktop is organized into the following function tabs: **Communication**, **Fun**, **Work**, and **Tools**. Click a function tab to display the applications you need.

ASUS Easy Update

ASUS Easy Update is a software tool that automatically detects and downloads the latest BIOS, drivers, and applications for your Eee Top.

1. From the Windows® notification area, right-click the **ASUS Easy Update** icon.

2. Select **Schedule** to set how often you want to update your system.
3. Select **Update** to activate the update.

4. Click **OK** to display the items you can download.

5. Check the item(s) you want to download, and then click **OK**.

StarSuite 8

StarSuite 8 is a complete office suite software package that allows you to edit a document, calculate on a spreadsheet, prepare presentation slides, make charts or sketches, and build your own database.

StarSuite is a functionally identical version to **StarOffice**. In areas other than East Asia, you will have StarOffice 8 instead of StarSuite 8 installed on your computer.

Initializing StarSuite 8

1. Click **Start** > **All Programs** > **StarSuite 8** and select any StarSuite tool.

2. Double-click the desired application and the **Welcome to StarSuite 8** dialog box appears. Click **Next**.

3. Scroll down to read the license agreement and click **Accept** to continue.

The **Accept** button is unavailable until you finish scrolling down the license agreement.

4. Enter your name and click **Next** to continue.

5. Click the **Check for updates automatically** check box to get the online update and click **Next** to continue.

6. Click an option to registrate and click **Finish** to complete the initialization.

The registration is voluntary.

After you initialize StarSuite 8, the StarSuite 8 Quickstarter icon will appear in the notification area. You can right-click this icon to open StarSuite 8 applications.

Using StarSuite

StarSuite Impress

To prepare presentation slides

1. From the Windows® desktop, click **Start** > **All Programs** > **StarSuite 8** > **StarSuite Impress**.
2. In the **Presentation Wizard** dialog box, click **Empty presentation** to create a new presentation slide, or **From template** to create a new presentation slide with a template. To edit an existing file, click **Open existing presentation**. Click **Next** to continue.

You can click **Create** to skip all the wizard instructions.

3. If you want to create a presentation with a template, click **Form template**. For first-time usage, it takes time to initialize the templates. Click **Next** to continue.

4. Select a slide design and click **Next**.

Click the **Preview** check box to preview the slide design.

5. Select a slide transition and the presentation type. Click **Create** to start **StarSuite Impress**.

6. Prepare your presentation slides in the StarSuite Impress window.

StarSuite Writer

StarSuite Writer is a word processing application that allows you to edit or convert documents. Click **Start** > **All Programs** > **StarSuite 8** > **StarSuite Writer** to start StarSuite Writer.

StarSuite Calc

StarSuite Calc is a spreadsheet application that helps you calculate, analyze, and manage your data. Click **Start** > **All Programs** > **StarSuite 8** > **StarSuite Calc** to start StarSuite Calc.

StarSuite Math

StarSuite Math hekps you create formulas. Click **Start** > **All Programs** > **StarSuite 8** > **StarSuite Math** to start StarSuite Math.

StarSuite Draw

StarSuite Draw is an illustration tool that allows you to export drawings in several image formats. Click **Start** > **All Programs** > **StarSuite 8** > **StarSuite Draw** to start StarSuite Draw.

StarSuite Base

StarSuite Base helps you create your own database. To start StarSuite Base

1. Click **Start** > **All Programs** > **StarSuite 8** > **StarSuite Base**.
2. In the **Database Wizard** dialog box, you can select to create a new database, open an existing database, or connect to a server database.

3. Select an action to proceed after saving the database and click **Finish**.

4. Select a location to save the database file.

5. Build your database in the StarSuite Base window.

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SoftStylus

SoftStylus is a finger-writing recognition application that enables you to write down messages, e-mails, and other notes with your finger or the supplied stylus pen. There is also a virtual keyboard available for you to type.

Getting started

1. Open the application you are going to write into, StarSuite Writer in the following examples.
2. Launch SoftStylus by clicking **Start** > **All Programs** > **SoftStylus** > **SoftStylus**. You can also launch the program from **Eee Bar**.
3. The SoftStylus toolbar appears.

If you minimize the toolbar, double-click the SoftStylus tray icon to restore it. To close the application, right-click the tray icon and select **Exit**.

Typing the text

1. Ensure that the StarSuite Writer application is in focus by clicking in the document window.
2. Select the **Show virtual keyboard** icon to open the keyboard and begin entering text.

Using the virtual keyboard

Finger writing recognition

1. To shift to finger writing mode, select the **Finger writing mode** icon on the virtual keyboard to open the recognition window.
2. Write with your finger or the supplied stylus pen in the recognition window.

3. The most likely input data is shown in the document window. Meanwhile, the recognition engine generates several alternatives in response to any text input. If the recognition is incorrect, select the correct text.
4. To shift back to finger writing mode, select the **Show virtual keyboard** icon .

Configuring properties

Click the **Properties** icon on the toolbar to configure settings.

General

The **General** tab describes the software title, build number and copyright information. Clicking the **Launch SoftStylus when Windows Starts** check box will launch SoftStylus automatically when the OS starts.

Supported languages

The **Supported languages** tab allows you to select recognition languages or keyboard type.

Recognition

The **Recognition** tab allows you to adjust **Recognition Speed** and **Alternate Choices** by moving the respective sliders and then click **OK** when done.

- **Recognition Speed:** the delay interval between the moment you finish writing and the moment when the recognition engine begins to analyze the input data.
- **Alternate Choices:** the maximum number of alternatives shown in the window.

To enable Chinese text input recognition, click the **Word Prediction for Chinese Character** check box.

Appearance

The **Appearance** tab allows you to adjust **Transparency of Window** and **Pen Width** by moving the respective sliders and then click **OK** when done. You can also select an **Ink Color**.

- **Transparency of Window:** modifies the transparency of the recognition window from not transparent to invisible.
- **Pen Width:** modifies how wide a stroke the pen draws in the recognition window.

Opera

Opera is a touch-enabled web browser that gives you quick access to your favorite web sites with the **Speed Dial** function and provides you with various **Widgets**. Opera widgets are miniature applications that run with Opera and live on your desktop. There are widgets for just about any purpose—weather forecasts, games, clocks, dictionaries, etc.

To launch Opera, click the **Opera** icon on **Eee Bar**.

Browsing web pages

You can scroll up/down the web page by moving your fingertip up/down on any space of the page. Note that **Text Selection** must be **Off** in the status bar.

Click the **Panels** icon to open the **Bookmarks**, **Widgets**, **Notes**, **Transfers**, or **History** panel by clicking the respective icon.

Selecting text

If you toggle **Text Selection On** , you can highlight any words on the web page to look them up in the dictionary or translate them into other languages by right-clicking and performing respective actions.

Speed Dial

Click the **New tab** icon to open the **Speed Dial** page. Every time a new tab is opened, you are presented with nine thumbnails, each representing a web address.

- To add a Speed Dial entry from bookmarks, drag an item from the Bookmarks panel and drop it onto any of the thumbnails.
- To open a page, click the corresponding thumbnail.
- To delete a Speed Dial entry, click the cross on the upper right corner of the thumbnail.

You can also do the following to save a web address as a Speed Dial entry.

1. Click one of the nine thumbnails. A dialog box appears.
2. Select a web page from the list or type a new address, and then click **OK**.

Widgets

To add a widget

1. In the **Widgets** panel, click **Add** and the Opera Widgets web page is opened.
2. Select a widget you want to have and click **Launch**. Opera will download and install it automatically.

3. You can drag and place widgets anywhere you want on your desktop. Each widget has individual settings.

Opera widgets run within Opera. When you close Opera, the widgets will also be closed.

4. If you close a widget, you can re-open it from the Widgets panel. You can also rearrange your widget collection or delete widgets you no longer want.

Eee Cam

Eee Cam, working alone or with instant messaging software (Windows Live Messenger, Skype, etc.), provides interesting effects and useful add-ons for your webcam. Eee Cam allows you to perform the following functions:

- Add effects to your webcam image or video, including emotion effects, frames, filters, and distortions.
- Perform freehand drawings on the webcam image.
- Take a snapshot or consecutive webcam photos.
- Make an instant, scheduled, or time-lapse recording of webcam video, or start a motion detection recording.
- Upload a webcam video to YouTube®.
- E-mail webcam photos and videos from Eee Cam to your friends.
- Print out your webcam photos.
- Share and view PowerPoint files and images files during a webcam session.

Enabling Eee Cam

Before using Eee Cam with an instant messaging program, you need to enable Eee Cam, and the built-in webcam and microphone will be enabled altogether with the software. For example, to enable Eee Cam in Skype™:

1. In the Skype main window, click the **Tools** tab and then click **Options**.
2. Click **Video Settings** and click **Enable Skype Video**.
3. In the **Select webcam** box, select **ASUS webcam filter**, and then click **Save**.

Launching Eee Cam

You can launch Eee Cam in one of the following ways:

- Click the **Eee Cam** icon on **Eee Bar**.
- Start a video chat with an instant messaging program, and Eee Cam will be launched automatically. (Eee Cam needs first to be enabled.)

Eee Cam modes

Eee Cam has the following two modes depending on the way you launch this program. Certain functions are available only under a specific mode.

- **Stand Alone Mode:** When Eee Cam is launched by clicking the desktop icon, it will be opened in the larger-screened Stand Alone Mode.

- **IM (Instant Messaging) Mode:** When Eee Cam is started with an instant messaging program, it will be opened in the smaller-screened IM Mode.

Applying special effects

Eee Cam provides special effects and drawing tools that you can apply to your live webcam image in both Stand Alone Mode and IM Mode. When applied, a remote party will see the effects right away. You can also apply these effects to the snapshots or webcam videos.

- **Emotion effects:** select to apply to your webcam image. The effect will disappear after a few seconds.
- **Frames** : select to apply to your webcam image. The effect will not disappear until you select another effect or click the **Clear effect** button . This rule equally applies to the following three effects.
- **Filters** : select to apply to your webcam image.
- **Distortions** : select to apply to your webcam image.

Drawing tools

To perform drawings on your webcam image:

1. Click on the **Draw** button Draw.
2. On the **Drawing Tools** panel, select any of the **Pen**, **Stamp**, or **Eraser** tool. Use the mouse or your finger to draw on the webcam image.
3. To remove the drawing from the webcam image, select the **Clear all** Clear all button.

Taking photos

Eee Cam has two kinds of photo-taking functions.

- **Snapshot:** Take a photo snapshot of the current web cam video.
- **Burst:** Take consecutive webcam photos.

To switch between the two functions, click the **arrow** to select the function you want. The **Burst** feature is available only in **Stand Alone Mode**.

To take photos, click the **Snapshot**/**Burst** button, and the photo(s) will be displayed in the captured content pane and saved by default to **My Documents** > **Eee Cam**.

When taking photos or recording videos, you may toggle **Timestamp** on to show the exact time the photo/video was captured. You can also toggle **Countdown timer** on so that you will be prepared before the photo-taking/video-recording.

Recording videos

With Eee Cam you can capture a live web cam video complete with special effects, or set up a timed video recording. Video-recording is available only in Stand Alone Mode.

- **Capture:** Capture a live web cam video.
- **Timed Recording:** Schedule a **Continuous recording**, a **Time-lapse recording**, or a **Motion detection recording**.

To switch between the two functions, click the **arrow** to select the function you want.

Capture

1. Click the **Capture** button.
2. Eee Cam starts recording the current webcam video. You can add effects to the video.
3. To stop recording, click the **Stop** button.
4. Your video will be displayed in the captured content pane and saved by default to **My Documents** > **Eee Cam**.

Timed Recording

1. Click the **Timed Recording** button.
2. Select **Continuous recording**, **Time-lapse recording**, or **Motion detection recording** and configure the related settings.
3. Click **Start** and Eee Cam will start recording the video at the time you set.
4. If you want to stop recording before the set time, click the **Stop** button.
5. Your video will be displayed in the captured content pane and saved by default to **My Documents** > **Eee Cam**.

Sharing documents

In IM Mode you can share documents for viewing during a webcam session (in PPT, JPG, BMP or PNG formats). To begin sharing a document:

1. In IM Mode window, click the **Sharing** tab.
2. Click the **Import** button or drag the file(s) you want to share in the pane.
3. Click the **Play** button to display the shared document(s) in your webcam window.
4. Select a viewing mode:
5. Click the **Clear effect** button to end the shared document viewing and return to the normal webcam session.

Other functions

You can upload your videos to YouTube, e-mail videos/photos to friends, print out your webcam photos, and delete the captured videos/photos.

Eee Cam settings

Click the **Settings** icon to configure **Capture**, **Display**, **Document**, and **Timestamp** settings. For configuration details and more Eee Cam functions, click **Help** ?.

Eee Memo

Eee Memo is an electronic post-it note application that allows you to scribble notes to your family and yourself on the touch screen with your fingertip or the stylus pen.

Launching Eee Memo

To launch the program, click the **Eee Memo** icon on **Eee Bar**.

The **Eee Clock** will appear showing the system time. You can turn over the clock between hand clock and electronic clock by moving your finger leftwards or rightwards near the center of the screen.

Shifting between Eee Clock and Eee Memo

- To launch the Eee Memo board, touch the **yellow Eee Memo** icon on the bottom center of the screen and move your finger to the left.
- To go back to Eee Clock, touch the **white Eee Clock** icon on the bottom center of the screen and move your finger to the right.
- To end the entire program, touch the **Exit** icon on the bottom left corner of the screen.

Writing a note

1. Launch the Eee Memo board.
2. Touch a colored post-it note paper to begin writing your note.

3. Select a **Pen Color** from black, red, blue, and green by touching the respective icon and write on the note paper.
4. You can select the **Eraser** icon (Yellow) to clear what you wrote. When done, select **OK**.

5. The notes you wrote will be posted on the Eee Memo board. You can drag a note to anywhere you want over the board.

6. To delete a note on the board, simply drag it to the wastebasket on the bottom right corner of the screen.

Dragging notes to the wastebasket does not destroy them completely. Notes in the wastebasket can still be recycled. Refer to the next section for details.

Managing the deleted notes

For notes in the wastebasket, you can delete them one by one or delete them all. You can also recycle a deleted note.

Touch the wastebasket and three options appear:

- **Delete All (Red):** Select to empty the wastebasket.
- **Recycle (Blue):** Select to display all the deleted notes to perform further actions.
- **Cancel (Green):** Select to return to the Eee Memo board.

To render each of the deleted note, press the **Recycle (Blue)** button and select a note. Three options are available. You can **Recycle (Blue)** the note, **Delete (Red)** the note, or **Cancel (Green)** the action.

Eee Cinema

Eee Cinema is a complete multimedia center that enhances the enjoyment of your music, photos, videos, and movies.

To launch the program, click the **Eee Cinema** icon on **Eee Bar**.

Music

The Music function allows you to listen to music files (in MP3, WAV, and WMA formats) or audio CDs (an external USB optical drive is required) with visualizations and create playlists (in .wpl format) for your favorite songs. Select **Music** to display menu options.

Browsing for music

Select **Browse By** to browse for music by **Album**, **Artist**, **Genre**, **Song Title**, **Playlist**, **Folder**, or **Rating**. Use the **Page Up** and **Page Down** buttons to scroll through your music files.

Playing music

To play music, simply select a folder, song, artist, album, etc. to begin playback. You can also select **Menu** to display more options.

You may use the playlists you create in Windows® Media Player.

If you want to play a music CD, you will need to connect a USB optical drive to the computer. When you insert a music CD into the optical drive, it will begin to play automatically.

During playback

During playback, you can use the playback control bar to adjust volume and turn on/off shuffle or repeat. Select **Visualization** to start the visualizations during playback. To exit, press **Esc** or **Backspace** on the keyboard.

Recent Music

From the Eee Cinema main menu, select **Music** > **Recent Music** to view the music you recently listened to. To remove an item from the list, select the item and then select **Clear History**. Selecting **Clear History** without selecting any item to remove will clear all of the music in your history.

The logic or method described above equally applies to **Recent Photos** and **Recent Videos**.

Photos

The Photos function lets you view your photos (in JPG, PNG, and BMP formats) in a slideshow or apply minor fixes to your photos. Select **My Photos** to display menu options.

Browsing for photos

Select **Browse By** to browse for photos by **Folder**, **Date** (date taken or last modified), or **Rating** (the ratings you gave). Use the **Zoom in** and **Zoom out** buttons to change the size of the folder/photo thumbnails.

Viewing photos

Slideshow

After finding the folder that contains the photos you want to view, enter the folder and select **Menu** > **Slideshow** to start playing a slideshow. By default, all the photos in the selected folder will be included in the slideshow. To view certain photos in a slideshow, select the individual photos before selecting the **Slideshow** button. Use the playback control bar to control the slideshow.

Individual photo

To view an individual photo, select the photo and it will display in a paused slideshow. Use the buttons on the bottom of the screen to **Zoom In**/**Zoom out** or **Rotate** the photo, or select **Menu** to display more options.

Fixing photos

You can apply fixes to your photos, including rotating photos and removing red-eye. To do so, select the photo you want to fix and then select **Menu** > **Fix**.

You can also select **Auto Fix** for Eee Cinema to automatically fix a photo's properties, such as overly lit or dark photos.

Videos

The Videos function allows you to play your videos in ASF, WMV, MPEG-1/2, DVR-MS, AVI, and DivX formats. Select **My Videos** to display menu options.

Browsing for videos

Select **Browse By** to browse for videos by **Folder**, **Date (**date recorded**)**, or **Rating** (the ratings you gave). Use the **Zoom in** and **Zoom out** buttons to change the size of the folder/video thumbnails.

Watching videos

To play a video, simply select the video to start playing it. You can also select **Menu** to display more options.

Use the playback control bar to control the playback. You can select the **Take a snapshot** button to take a snapshot in JPG format and save it to the Pictures folder on your computer.

Movies

The Movies function allows you to play DVDs. To play a DVD, you will need to connect a USB optical drive to the computer. When you insert a DVD into the optical drive, it will begin to play automatically.

The supported disc formats are: DVD, SVCD, VCD, and MiniDVD.

Settings

The Settings function allows you to configure **Audio**, **Display**, **DVD**, and **Photos** settings. Select an option and follow the onscreen instructions to perform actions. You can also select **About** to view software information and select **Help** to know more about the Eee Cinema functions.

Eee Splendid

Eee Splendid Video Enhancement Technology provides several preset modes that you can select to optimize image quality for the best visual result.

Experimenting with Eee Splendid

To launch the program, click **Start** > **All Programs** > **ASUS** > **Eee Splendid** > **Eee Splendid**. The left pane shows what a sample image is like on your screen, while the right pane shows what the image is going to be like after you apply an Eee Splendid mode.

Testing a mode

1. Click the **Open File** button to open an image file on your computer.
2. Select a mode to see the difference.
3. Click the **Apply** button to enable Eee Splendid on your computer.

You have to click **Apply** to effect the Eee Splendid settings.

Creating a profile

You can create your own settings by clicking the **My Profile** button and adjust **Colorfulness** and **Color Temperature** by moving the respective sliders. You can also base your settings on a preset mode. When done, click the **Save** button to save the results.

ASUS AI Direct Link

ASUS AI Direct Link allows file-sharing with high transfer rate among computers in a home network. You need to install AI Direct Link to all your home PCs using the support DVD, and then connect them to the same network.

Turn off your firewall software other than Windows Firewall before launching AI Direct Link.

Enabling the incoming folder

1. Right-click the **AI Direct Link** tray icon and select **Incoming folder > Enable incoming folder**.

For Windows XP users, click **Steps of enabling file sharing** on the dialog box and follow the instructions to enable the incoming folder.

2. If you want to verify the incoming user, select **Use my account** and set your user name and password. Otherwise, select **Use public account**.

For security's sake, we recommended that you set a user name and password.

3. Click **OK** and the "Ready for incoming" message appears.

To disable the incoming folder, select **Incoming folder > Disable incoming folder**.

4. Right click the **AI Direct Link** tray icon and select **Incoming folder** > **Open incoming folder**. The **AIDirectLinkIncoming** folder opens. Put the files you want to share into this folder. The authorized user has full access to this folder.

Connecting to another computer

1. Right-click the **AI Direct Link** tray icon and select **Connect**.
2. Click **Refresh**. The software starts searching for the connected computer.

3. The name of the computer found is listed. Click **Open** to open its shared folder.

If necessary, enter the authorized user name and password. Click **OK** to log in and have full access to this shared folder.