

Launching Applications with the LifeBook Application Panel

The application panel enables you to launch applications with the touch of a button when your system is on. Pressing any of the buttons will launch a user-defined application. Your notebook is pre-installed with software utilities that let you operate and configure your LifeBook Application Panel.

Configuring your LifeBook Application Panel

When you start Windows, the LifeBook Application Panel is automatically activated. As an application launcher, the LifeBook Application Panel is very flexible, giving you a variety of options. To set up the Panel to best suit your needs, we have provided the Application Panel Setup utility that quickly and easily helps you make the most of this valuable feature.

To configure your LifeBook Application Panel with Application Panel Setup:

- 1 Click on [Start].
- 2 Click on **Programs -> LifeBook Application Panel**.
- 3 Click on **Setup of LifeBook Application Panel**. The Button Setting utility will appear. There are tabs that correspond to the application buttons on the LifeBook Application Panel. When you receive your notebook, these buttons are pre-configured to launch specific programs, as referenced in Chapter 7 of this document.

To change an application associated with the Application buttons:

- 1 Click on the tab for the button you would like to reconfigure – for example, Application A.
- 2 Select **Enable this button**, then click on the [Application Registration] button.
- 3 On the screen that appears, click the **Select from Start Menu** checkbox, then scroll down the list to select the application you want to start with the Application A button.
- 4 Click [Next] -> [Next] -> [Finish]. On the Button Setting window, click [Apply], then click [OK]. The button will now launch the new application.

The Internet tab is different. It comes set to launch your default Internet browser (Internet Explorer), unless you have changed it in Windows. To reconfigure it to launch another program follow these steps:

- 1 Click on the Internet tab.
- 2 Select **Enable this button**, then click on the [Application Registration] button.
- 3 Click the **Start program** checkbox, then click [Next].
- 4 On the screen that appears, click the **Select from Start Menu** checkbox, then scroll down the list to select the application you want to start with the Internet button.
- 5 Click [Next] -> [Next] -> [Finish]. On the Button Setting window, click [Apply].
- 6 Click **OK**. The button will now launch the new application. If you want to return to launching your Windows default Internet browser with this button, you need only click on **Start Browser** checkbox instead of the **Start program** checkbox. Be aware that you will erase the settings for the “other application”. If you wish to go back to launching the “other application” from this button, you will need to reconfigure it as described above.



IF YOUR SYSTEM HAS DEDICATED ONE OF THE APPLICATION LAUNCHER BUTTONS TO BE AN INTERNET LAUNCHER, THE BUTTON CAN STILL BE CONFIGURED TO LAUNCH ANY APPLICATION YOU WISH, NOT JUST AN INTERNET BROWSER.

When you have finished with button settings, click [OK], and the new settings will take effect. You can reconfigure your LifeBook Application Panel as often as you like.