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## Shortcut Bars

SolidWorks 2008 has added a few new customizations that will increase your performance greatly. One of the new things that you are going to want to do right away is to customize the new shortcut toolbar. Accessing commands using your shortcut toolbar makes SolidWorks easy to use and allows you to keep your focus on the graphics screen.

There are separate customizable shortcut bars for parts, assemblies, drawings, and sketches. Just bring up whichever shortcut bar that you want to customize and follow the steps below.

You display the shortcut bar by pressing the “S” key with nothing selected in the graphics area (the default user-definable keyboard shortcut).

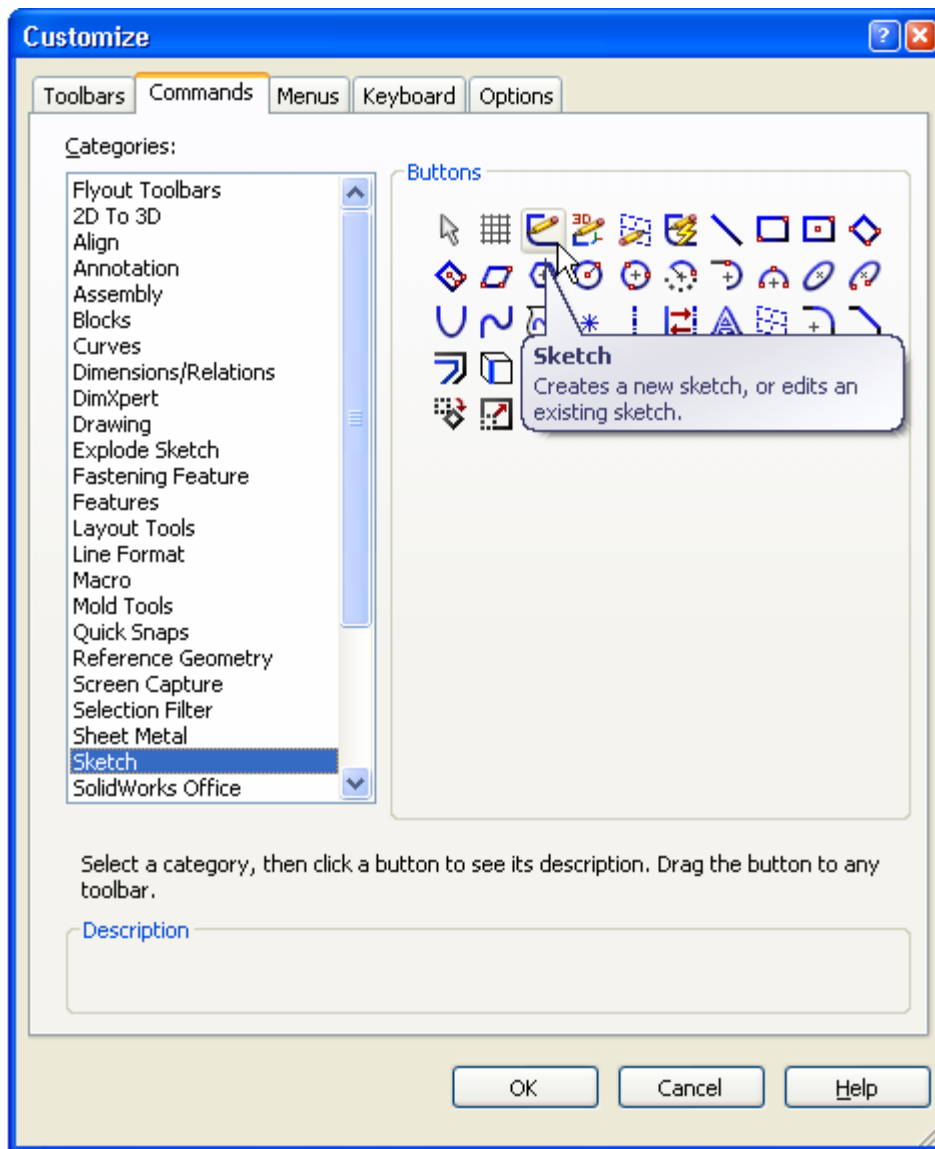


To customize a shortcut bar, simply right click the shortcut bar when it is shown, and pick **Customize**.



To add commands, on the **Commands** tab, under **Categories**, pick **Sketch**.

Under **Buttons**, find the **Sketch** button.



Drag the **Sketch** button to the shortcut toolbar and drop it next to the **Select** button, as shown.

To resize the shortcut bar, move the cursor over an edge and drag it.



You can easily add as many buttons to the shortcut toolbar as you like. Remember that with the **Customize** dialog box open, you can also remove a tool by dragging it off the shortcut bar.

When you are done customizing the shortcut toolbar, click **OK** in the **Customize** dialog box.

