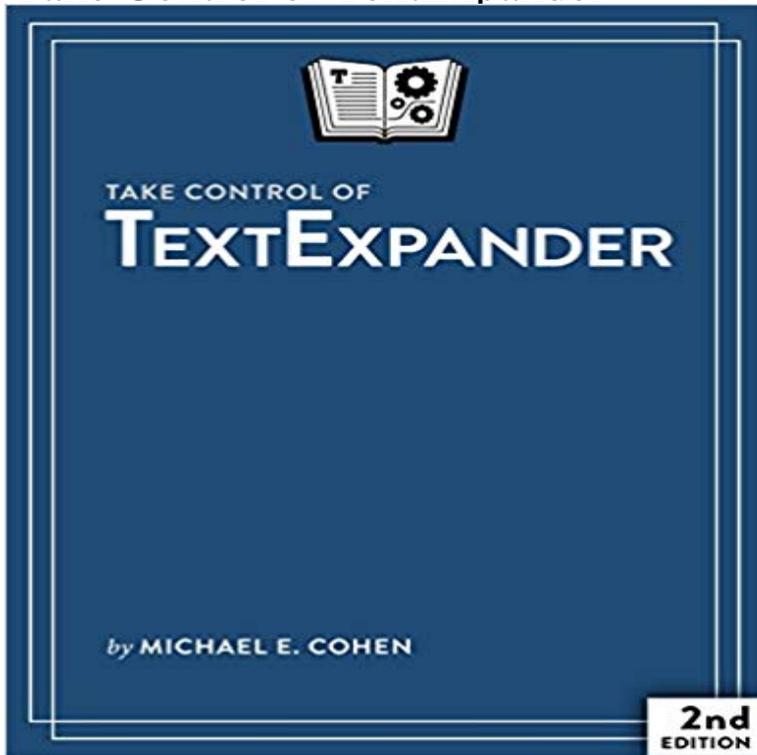# Take Control of TextExpander

Type 120 words per minute and have fun doing it with TextExpander!Join Mac expert Michael E. Cohen as he helps you enjoy the power of TextExpander 5, the award-winning text expansion utility from Smile.With Michaels guidance, youll learn how to create snippets of text (like your address) that you can insert into any text by typing a short abbreviation (for example, addd). Youll find steps for easily expanding your collection of useful snippets with the Snippet Creation Assistant and the Suggestions feature, and learn how to create more sophisticated snippets, including snippets with formatting, clipboard contents, fill-in fields, macros, and scripts.Youll discover how to add snippet groups created by Smile and others, create and share your own groups, and sync groups with Dropbox or iCloud Drive. And, youll find directions for taking advantage of your snippets on an iOS device with Smiles TextExpander touch app.This ebook was created in collaboration with Smile. Thanks to everyone at Smile who helped us make the book even more detailed and useful!Running TextExpander is like embedding a superhero typist in your Mac. Read Take Control of TextExpander to learn how to:Reply faster: If you frequently send similar bits of text--directions, chunks of legal writing, bios, product descriptions, company names, addresses, URLs, and so forth--let TextExpander type all that text for you quickly, making it a snap to respond quickly to customer questions or requests from colleagues, and a breeze to send other routine correspondence (Dear Mom, Im still not pregnant. Love, Me). You can even create fill-in snippets that ask for details and fill in all the rest of the text automatically.Make typing more exciting: Automagically add the date to filenames as you save, to shorten URLs or to insert HTML or CSS tags in a flash, and more. Its

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