Task Control

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1.2 Introduction

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Task Control is a very simple program to change task priorities. Now there are plenty of other programs out there that will do the same job and have extra features, but Task Control is designed to do a very specific job, but do it very easily.

In the past when I wanted to change the priority of a task, it would involve loading up a program to do this. Now most programs that do this have a farily long winded procedure and in the time it took to make the change, I might just as well have left it there in the first place.

So Task Control was born. It can be exclusively controlled from the keyboard, so I can change task priorities in a matter of seconds.

1.3 Disclaimer

I M P O R T A N T

Although I have tested the program thoroughly and although the program code is very simple, this software is supplied with no form of warranty or guarantee whatsoever. USE IT AT YOUR OWN RISK

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!!

1.4 Licence

Licence

You are free to copy, distribute etc Task Control as long as the archive is not modified in any way and all files are kept intact and no charge other than reasonable disk copying charges is made.

1.5 Requirements

Requirements

Any OS2.0 machine should be sufficient. The program size is very small.

1.6 Usage

Simply run the program from CLI or Workbench. There are no options or tooltypes to set.

A small window will then open. It will contain a list of the current "waiting" tasks together with their priorities. To change a priority simply click on the task or use the up/down keys on the keyboard and then use the left/right keys to adjust the priority. That's all there is to it.

Once you get used to it, you should be able to adjust priorities in a matter of seconds. I strongly suggest you set up a hotkey so you can run Task Control at any time.

You are strongly advised to reduce the priorities of programs you want to wait below zero instead of increasing others above zero. If you

increase a processor hungry program to two, you may run into severe
problems. Best to reduce all the others, than to increase one.

Task Control runs at a priority of one. A big problem can be if one of
your programs gets stuck on a part and hogs the processor. If this
program has a priority greater than zero, this can cause a real problem
because you will not be able to run any task managing software. By giving
Task Control a priority of one, this will help the situation a little

Clicking the mouse anywhere in the window will update the task list.

1.7 Bugs

Bugs

At the moment, any tasks run from the CLI show up as "Background CLI".
I don't know how to get round this yet. I'm sure its very simple....
I just don't know how ;-)

If you have an unusual screen font, it may not display properly. I
actually wrote this program some time ago for my own uses and have never
updated the GUI routines (never needed to). I will swap in my newer
procedures from one of my other programs in the next version.

1.8 History

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1.9 Things for future releases

Future

Lots can be added. This is just an initial version. Further developement
will depend on the sort of response I receive. Here are a few ideas
for the future.

- Better updating of the list

- Quit/Hide choice, allowing Task Control to be in memory at all times.

- Show all Tasks button

- Configurable hide list

- Configurable alias list. A couple are already pre-defined. dopus_task

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1.10 The Author

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Contacting the Author
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Look at my other programming projects, Envelope & AminetConverter
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