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File Menu Commands

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New

Starts a new drawing.

When you choose New, Fractal Paint lets you save changes to the current drawing.

Fractal Paint starts the new drawing with the settings specified with the View Page dialog box.

Open

Opens an existing file.

Save

Saves changes to the current drawing.

Save As

Saves a new or existing drawing.

A dialog box appears for to confirm or enter a file name.

Print

Prints the current drawing.

Exit

Closes the current drawing and exits Fractal Paint.

If the drawing is unsaved, Fractal Paint lets you save the drawing before exiting.

Edit Menu Commands

Use the scroll bar to see more commands.

Undo

Undoes the most recent drawing or editing action.

Cut

Moves the selected object from your drawing onto the Clipboard, erasing the previous Clipboard contents.

Copy

Copies the selected object from your drawing onto the Clipboard, leaving the defined area in your drawing intact and erasing the Clipboard's previous contents.

Paste

Inserts the Clipboard contents into the drawing. The clipboard should be holding a valid FPL object.

Clear

Deletes the selected object from the drawing. The object is not placed in the clipboard. The clipboard contents are not affected.

Select Next

If objects are stacked on top of each other, select next allows you to select the next object in the stack.

Select Previous

If objects are stacked on top of each other, select previous allows you to select the previous object in the stack.

View Menu Commands

Use the scroll bar to see more commands.

Fit in Window

Scales the current drawing to fit entirely in the drawing window.

Actual Size

Scales the current drawing so that the entire drawing is 10000 x 10000 pixels in size. The drawing window is then a window into this view.

2 X

Scales the current drawing to be twice as big as the drawing window.

3 X

Scales the current drawing to be three times as big as the drawing window.

4 X

Scales the current drawing to be four times as big as the drawing window.

Page

Brings up a dialog box to specify physical page size and margins.

Program Menu Commands

Use the scroll bar to see more commands.

Edit

Brings up the Edit window containing the FPL program that describes the current drawing.

You can edit the FPL program in the edit window. This provides an alternate way to edit your current drawing.

Print

Prints the FPL program that describes the current drawing.

Run

Runs the FPL program that describes the current drawing.

This command is commonly used to redraw the screen.

Draw Menu Commands

Use the scroll bar to see more commands.

Define base shape

Brings up the dialog box to define the base shape for a simply generated fractal. The dialog box allows you to define the base shape by moving a "turtle" around the dialog box's drawing area.

Define L-systems

Brings up the dialog box used to define L-systems. In this box you can directly define a new L-system, edit an existing L-system or evolve an L-system to generate a new or modified L-system.

Edit text and text style

Brings up the dialog box used to edit text and set text formatting. If a text object is currently selected, then this text is included so that it can be edited. Both currently selected text and future typed text will use the formatting you specify.

Line style

Brings up the dialog box used to change a line's style. If a line object is currently selected then it's style will be altered as well as any future drawn lines. You can specify line width, color and dot-dash pattern. This also affects the boundaries of rectangles, circles and fractals.

Patterns

Brings up the dialog box used to change a rectangle or circles internal fill pattern and color. If a rectangle or circle object is currently selected then it's style will be altered as well as any future drawn rectangles and circles.

Tools Menu Commands

Use the scroll bar to see more commands.

Selection

Choose the selection tool as the current tool. This can also be selected from the toolbox window.

Movement

Choose the movement tool as the current tool. This can also be selected from the toolbox window.

Text

Choose the text tool as the current tool. This can also be selected from the toolbox window.

Line

Choose the line tool as the current tool. This can also be selected from the toolbox window.

Rectangle

Choose the rectangle tool as the current tool. This can also be selected from the toolbox window.

Rounded Rectangle

Choose the rounded rectangle tool as the current tool. This can also be selected from the toolbox window.

Ellipse

Choose the ellipse tool as the current tool. This can also be selected from the toolbox window.

Any defined fractals

Choose the fractal as the current tool. This can also be selected from the toolbox window.

Options Menu Commands

Use the scroll bar to see more commands.

Show tool box

Display the tool box window. This menu item is only active if the tool box window has been closed (from it's system menu).

Rulers

Displays rulers in the drawing window. If rulers are already in the drawing window then they are removed.

Fractal

Sets the fractal level for any currently selected fractal as well as future fractals. Also sets the turn increment used in the define base shape dialog box.

scroll bar

A bar that appears at the right and/or bottom edge of a window whose contents aren't completely visible. Each scroll bar contains two scroll arrows and a scroll box, which allow you to scroll within the window or list box.