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Open (File Menu)

Use this command to open a picture within a new window. You can open multiple windows at the same time. You can switch between open pictures by using the Window menu. See <u>Window 1,2,...</u>

Shortcut

Toolbar:



Keyboard: STRG+O

The Dialog "File Open"

The following options are available if you like to open a picture.

Filename

Type a filename or select one out of the list. In the list you will find all pictures of the type specified in "Filetype"

Filetype

Choose the type of picture you like to open:

- LWF LuraWave Wavelet Format
- BMP Windows / OS2 Bitmap
- PGM Portable Gray-Map
- PPM Portable Pixel-Map
- TIF Tagged Image File Format

Volumes

Choose a volume from wich you like to load the file.

Directory

Choose the directory from where you like to load the picture.

Network...

Use this button to connect a networkvolume to one of you drive-letters.

Preview

If you have marked this checkbox, you will see a small preview image of the choosen file.

Options

If you select a file compressed in LuraWave format, you can specify some special option like the loading rate here and version number.

Info

You can see the size, colordepth and filesize of the selected file here.

The Close command (Menu File)

Use this command to close the topmost window

You can use the close symbol also.



The Save command (Menu File)

Use this command to save the content of the frontmost window. You will get a <u>dialog</u> in which you can choose a <u>format</u> in which the picture should be converted and saved.

Shortcut

Toolbar:



Keyboard: STRG+S

The Dialog "Save"

Filename

Enter a filename. A extension will be appended by LuraWave.

Volumes

Choose a volume to store the file.

Directory

Choose a directory to store the file.

Network...

Choose this button to assign a new volume-letter to a remote volume.

Options

Choose a option. Options available depend on the choosen filetype:

• LuraWave Wavelet Format(*.lwf)

Version 1.5 The image will be compressed using the older version 1.5 of

the LuraWave software

Version 2.0 The image will be compressed using the new version 2.0 of

the LuraWave software.

Lossless The picture will be compressed perfect, "lossless" Rate The picture will be compressed with the given rate.

Los in picture quality may occur.

• Windows / OS2 Bitmap (*.bmp)

No options

• Portable Gray- or Pixmap (*.pgm;*ppm)

Binary Picture will be stored in binary format

ASCII Picture will be stored in ASCII format (Readable by a text

editor)

• Tagged Image File Format (*.tif)

Compression:

non Picture is stored uncompressed

LZW Picture is compressed using the Lempel-Zif-algorithm Macintosh RLE Picture is compressed using Apples "Macintosh RLE"

runlength coding.

Commands 1, 2, 3, 4 (Menu File)

In this places you can see the names of the last four opened files. You can reopen the file by choosing the appropriate number.

Command Quit (Menu File)

Choose this command to close all pictures and quit the application. LuraWave will ask you to save unsaved pictures.

Shortcuts

Mouse: Doubleclick in the upper left corner of the window.



Keyboard: ALT+F4

Command Cut (Menu Edit)

This command cuts a selected area of a picture out of the frame and places the data into the clipboard. You can use this command only if a area or a whole picture is selected. You can select a area by dragging a frame around it.

Shortcuts

Toolbar:



Keyboard: STRG+X

Command Copy (Menu Edit)

This command will copy the frontmost picture into the clipboard.

Shortcuts

Toolbar:



Keyboard: STRG+C

Command Paste (Menu Edit)

If there is a picture in the clipboard, it is opened in a new window.

Shortcuts

Toolbar:



Keyboard: STRG+V

Command Symbols (Menu View)

Use this command to switch the Toolbar on and off. If the Toolbar is on, there is a mark in the menu. The Toolbar gives you some buttons for the most comman functions like "open". See a description of all the buttons in the <u>Toolbar</u>.

Toolbar



To switch the Toolbar on and off, use "Toolbar" from menu "View". (ALT,A,s).

Button 	Action LuraWave shows the "Open-dialog" to search for files to open.
	LuraWave shows the "Save-dialog" to choose some options before saving the frontmost picture.
	Copies the frontmost picture into the clipboard.
	Create a new window with the contents of the clipboard.
P	Zoomes in the frontmost window.
P	Zoomes out the frontmost window
?	Shows the directory of the LuraWave -Help-System.
!?	Switches into the <u>Help-Mode</u> . Click into a button ore window if you like to know what it is for.
•	Shows the version of LuraWave for Windows

Command Status (Menu View)

Use this command to switch the statusbar on and off. If the statusbar is on, the menu is marked. In the statusbar you can see a shortcut of the function of the button the mouse is over, the actual zoomfactor, the coordinates of the mouse relative to the picture and the color of the pixel below the mouse.

See Statusbar for a further description.

Statusbar



The Statusbar is displayed at the lower border of **LuraWave**. You can switch it on and off with "Status" from the "View"-menu.

If you step thruh menu by ARROW-KEY you will see a short description of the menus function in the left part of the status bar.

If you click onto a button and hold the mouse down, you will see a descrition of the button. If you do not want to choose a command you have selected, drag the mouse out of the button while the mouse is still down.

On the right side of the status bar you will see the coordinates of the mouse in relation to the picture and the RGB-values of the color below the mouse.

Command New Window (Menu Window)

This command opens a new window and displays the same picture than the actual window. This feature is to view different areas of a picture in detail. If you make changes in one window, this changes will take effect in all the window of that picture.

If you open a new window with this command, it will be shown in front and will get the active window.

Command Cascade (Menu Window)

Use this command to display the open windows in a stacked manner.

Command Tile Vertical (Menu Window)

Use this command to display the open windows in a vertical manner.

Command Tile horizontal (Menu Window)

Use this command to display the open windows in a horizontal manner.

Command Clean Up Symbols (Menu Window)

Use this command to clean up the symbols at the lower border of the LuraWave window. You can create symbols from windows if you click into the "to Symbol"-button.

If the lower part of the LuraWave window is occupied by a window, the symbols will not be visible.

Command 1, 2, ... (Menu Window)

Here you can choose one of the opne windows to become the frontmost. The frontmost one is marked.

Themes (Menu Help)

Use this command to get the directory of the Help-system.

Command Use Help (Menu Help)

Use this command to optain hints for the use of most commands.

Command Info (Menu Help)

With this command you will get the version of your copy of LuraWave.

Command context help



If you click here, the mouse-arrow changes into a arrow with a question mark. Now you can click into any part of LURAWAVEs windows and get help on this part.

Shortcut:

Keyboard: SHIFT+F1

Titlebar

You can find the titlebar at the upper border of LuraWave. It contains the name of the application.

To place the window, you can drag here.

Scrollbars

If a picture is not completely visible inside ist wind	dow, you can pan the picture with this scrollbars.
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Command Resize (Menu System)

Here you can resize LURAWAVEs window. You can also resize by dragging the lower right edge of the window.

Command Drag (Menu System)

You can use this command to drag the window on the screen. You can also do that by dragging the titlebar.

Command Symbol (Menu System)

Use this command to shrink LuraWave into a symbol.

Shortcut

Mouse: Click into "Minimize" .

ALT+F9

Keyboard:

Command Maximize (Menu System)

Use this command to expand the size of LuraWave to the whole screen.

Shortcut

Mouse: Click into "Maximize" .

Keyboard: STRG+F10.

Command Next (Menu Document)

Use this command to activate the next window.

Shortcut

Keyboard: STRG+F6

Command Previous (Menu Document)

Use this command to activate the previous window.

Shortcut

Keyboard: SHIFT+STRG+F6

Command Close (Menu System)

Closes the active window or dialog.



Command recreate (Menu System)

Use this command to get the application back from a symbol.

Command Switch To (Menu System)

Use this command to get a list of all active tasks (applications). You can switch to another task or close one.

Shortcut

Keyboard: STRG+ESC

The Task-List

Choose a task you like to switch to.

Switch to

Activates the choosen task.

Kill task

Closes the choosen task.

Cancel

Closes the task list.

Picture

This window displays a picture. You can zoom in, zoom-out, save compressed or uncompressed.

No help available

No help available

Formats

LWF LuraWave Wavelet Format
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Rate

Ratio of the filesize of the compressed and the uncompressed picture.

LWF-Quality

15-best possible quality1 best compression ratio

During save, you can set the compression ratio directly.

Diskspace

Shows the amount of free space on the choosen volume.

Compression of pictures using wavelet transforms

LuraWave uses algorithms based on wavelet transforms.

This system has a lot of advantages compared to other algorithms:

• wide range of compression ratios from lossless to very high rates (1 : 1000, lossy).

better quality with same filesize in comparisation to JPEG

exact defined compression ratio and filesizes

progressive load of data

compression with quality enhanced regions

quality based password protection of images

Netscape-Plug In available

PhotoShop-Plug In available



Any LWF-Tool can decompress a protected image up to the free quality, which is specified before compression. For further improvement of the image the user has to give the correct password. In internet image databases this can be done automatically via CGI.

During compression the user can specify regions, which will be compressed with higher priority, i.e. with a better quality. When the image is transferred over a network these regions will appear first in the data stream. So they will become visible earlier, when the image is reconstructed progressively. You can try this with the LuraWave Netscape Plug In (http://www.luratech.de)

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What is LuraWave

LuraWave will show the performance of a new, high power compression algorithms for data compression in comparisation to other popular compression shemes.

LuraWave includes algorithms for picture compression and decompression in lossless and lossy modes. Compression ratios range from 1:1,5 to 1:5 in lossless mode to 1:1000 in lossy mode. Zoom and statistical functions are includes to allow easy comparisation.

LuraWave is able to handle the following formats:

LWF LuraWave Wavelet Format

BMP Windows / OS2 Bitmap

PGM Portable Gray-Map

PPM Portable Pixel-Map

TIF Tagged Image File Format

Further formats will follow in later version.



Command Zoom In (Menu Picture)

Use this command to zoom into the frontmost picture.

Shortcut

Toolbar:

 $|\mathbf{Q}|$

Keyboard: GREY +

Command Zoom Out (Menu Picture)

Use this command to zoom out of the frontmost picture.

Shortcut

Toolbar:

 $|\mathbf{Q}|$

Keyboard GREY -

Commad Info (Menu Picture)

Use this command to obtain som information about the frontmost window.

Preview

Click here to switch preview mode on and off.

HIDC_RADIO_PXM_BINARY

Click here to switch preview mode on and off.

HIDC_SPIN_LWF_LEVEL

Click here to switch preview mode on and off.

Compression of pictures

You can compress pictures by choosing <u>"Save" from the File-Menu and select the LuraWave-Format</u> (*.lwf) to store the picture.

Decompression of pictures

You decompress pictures by opening a file stored in **LuraWave-Format (*.lwf)** Decompression is done automatically.

You can store the picture uncompressed by using a other file format during save.