

CLIPBOX 2.0 INSTRUCTIONS

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NEW IN VERSION 2.0

- Clipbox now supports both text and graphics mode (the two modes work differently)
- Text mode no longer restricted to 8K
- At program startup, the previously saved Stack File is NOT loaded.

INTRODUCTION

Clipbox is a small utility written in Visual Basic (thus VBRUN100.DLL is required to be in the path). Whenever a cut or copy is made to the Windows Clipboard, whatever was on the Clipboard is lost. Clipbox will allow you to grab what was on the Clipboard and either hold(GET BUTTON) on a stack (text mode only, in graphics mode only the last GET is held) or saved(Text mode only, LOG BUTTON) in a log file. At any one time, eight different text items can be held on the Clipbox Stack. One graphics item can be held. Any amount of the Clipboard can be saved to the log file. In addition, you can print what is currently on the Clipboard. Currently, Clipbox supports the Clipboard text mode and graphics mode. Support for the two modes differs.

Clipbox can be started in one of two modes: Stack or Log. In the Stack Mode, the program runs with all the features as described in the rest of this help file. In the Stack mode, you CANNOT change the log file; it is fixed as \windows\clipbox.log. If you Start in the Log Mode, only the log features are available. The Log Mode only supports Clipboard text. For further help on the Log Mode, go to the LOG MODE help section.

Stack Mode.

Two means are provided to grab Clipboard text data: the stack and the log. These are independent of each other. Text items are put on the stack using the GET button, they are appended to the log file using the LOG button. The stack can hold eight text items from the Clipboard. Any amount of text data can be taken from the Clipboard and saved in the log file. The configuration and data held in the stack can be saved to disk (using the SAVE button). The Stack file is \Windows\clipbox.dat. The Log file is \Windows\Clipbox.log. If the Clipboard contains graphics data, the GET Button displays the picture in a separate form. From this form, the picture can be saved or printed. The Clipboard contents can be printed at any time, both text and graphics works identically. Using the Edit button, Clipboard text can be edited.

The program (when in the Stack Mode) consists of seven command buttons: GET, LOG, ?(Help), P(Print), E(Edit), S(Save), and X(Exit); plus one dropdown list box. The program was configured to be small, and flat, so that it can be left in corner of the screen and be available while working in other applications.

GET (supports both text and graphics)

Whenever you want to grab what is currently on the Clipboard and hold it in Clipbox, press the GET button. Both text and graphics can be grabbed with Clipbox, but text and graphics are handled differently.

Clipboard contains text: When you press the GET button, the first 15 characters of the Clipboard are taken off and displayed in the Listbox as the title of the item. This facilitates using the data from Clipbox. This item is added to the top of the stack, as displayed in the listbox. A maximum of eight items can be held at any one time. After eight items are on the stack and a ninth item is grabbed from the Clipboard, Clipbox discards the last item in the list (it discards it forever, so if you want to use it, use it before you fill the stack). Items taken from the Clipboard using the GET button are NOT stored in the log file.

Clipboard contains graphics: When you press the GET button, the graphics data is displayed on a separate form. From this form you can either Print or Save the data. Graphics data IS NOT placed on the Stack.

LOG (supports text only)

The LOG button grabs text currently on the Clipboard and appends it to a file in the windows directory, Clipbox.log. This is a normal text file that can be edited using any editor, eg NOTEPAD. (Note: the size of this file may exceed Notepad's limits) Before appending the text to the log file, a prompt will come up for the Subject of the entry. When the entry is written to the file, the date is written, the subject, and then the Clipboard text.

(P) Print (supports text and graphics)

Pressing this button prints whatever (text or graphics) is currently on the Clipboard. There is no limit, other than that imposed by Clipboard.

(S) Save (supports text only)

Pressing the Save button saves the current Clipbox stack, along with all it's text, to a file (\windows\clipbox.dat). If you have text in Clipbox you don't want to loose, it can be saved to a disk file and later edited with another text editor. It is saved as a normal text file.

(E) Edit (supports text only)

Pressing this button opens a separate edit pad for the text currently on the Clipboard. When the button is pressed, a separate form opens with an edit pad. The text currently on the Clipboard is placed in the edit box. NOTE: EDITING LIMIT IS 32K!! When the DONE button is clicked, the text in the edit pad is placed back on the Clipboard.

The Edit pad can also be used to assemble text from the Clipbox Stack. When the EDIT button is pressed, the text currently on the CLipboard is placed on the edit pad. Once the edit pad is open, you can select another item from the Clipbox stack listbox. Then, using the PASTE button on the edit pad, the text can be placed in the edit pad at the cursor location. The CUT and COPY buttons work as for normal Clipboard functions.

While the edit pad is open, the text in the edit pad can be saved to a file using the SAVE button. The file saved is a normal ASCII file.

Remember: The maximum editing capacity of this edit pad is 32K!!

(X) Exit

Closes down the program.

Stack

The dropdown list box, lists the titles of the items currently held in the Clipbox stack. A single mouse click on any item in the stack will copy the corresponding text to the Clipboard (of course removing whatever might of previously been on the Clipboard). From here the text can be pasted into another application, printed, or anything else that can be done with Clipboard text.

Log Mode

At program startup, if Log Mode is selected, the log file can (AND MUST) be specified. When running in the Log Mode, the program remains as an icon at the bottom of the screen with the specified log file as the caption. Whenever there is text on the Clipboard, double clicking the icon will first prompt for a subject and then add today's date, the subject and Clipboard text to the log file. If you do not want today's date and a subject written to the file, simply hit the <Enter> key leaving the subject field blank; in this case, only the Clipboard text will be written to the log file.

Using

If the only thing you want to do is to grab text from the Clipboard and append it to a file already on disk, then run the program in the Log Mode. The Clipboard can be saved, when in the Log Mode, by simply double clicking the icon.

The stack is useful for grabbing multiple Clipboards and then using these to paste into another program. The log can be used to build a daily journal.

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