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Introduction

MyWord is a Microsoft Windows program that allows a number of people to use Microsoft Word on the same computer without overwriting each others' macros and preferences.

It works by copying selected configuration files back and forth between the Word installation directory and MyWord's configuration directory.

MyWord

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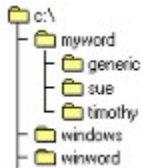
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Installation

To install MyWord:

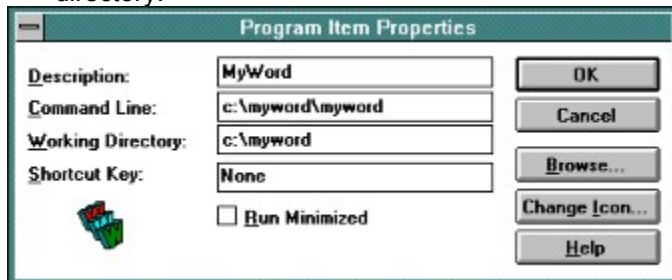
1. Copy the file `myword.exe` into any empty directory. This directory will be called the MyWord directory.
2. Create one directory in the MyWord directory for each user. These are the configuration directories, where MyWord stores the files for each user's configuration. There must be one configuration directory called generic. For example:



3. Copy the files that make up each configuration from the Word directory to each user's configuration directory. The most useful files to copy are `normal.dot` and `winword.ini`. For example:



4. Add an icon to the Program Manager for `myword.exe`, setting the Working Directory to the MyWord directory. The Program Item Properties dialog box would look like this, if `c:\myword` is the MyWord directory:



Usage

To use MyWord:

1. Close Word, if it's open.
2. Start MyWord by double-clicking on its icon in the Program Manager. You will see a dialog box that looks like this:



3. Choose the name for the configuration you want to use from the list box. It will display the names of all the directories in the MyWord directory.
4. Press Enter or the Config button. MyWord will save the current user's configuration files to their configuration directory, then copy the new user's files to the Word directory.
5. Restart Word in the usual way.

Future Development Plans

- + Automatically closing Word if it's open, and reopening it after reconfiguring.
- + Automatic installation.
- + Automatic setup of new configuration names, based on Generic or another existing configuration.
- + Reconfiguring of the [MS Word User] section of win.ini.

configuration A collection of files used to store information about the way a user has customized Word. Word stores general-purpose information in `winword.ini`, information common to all templates in `normal.dot`, and information about a particular template in that template's `.dot` file.

Word directory The directory that the Word for Windows program is stored in. Usually, this is `c:\winword`, but it may be a different directory on your system. MyWord finds Word by reading the section of the Windows initialization file `win.ini` labelled `[Microsoft Word 2.0]`, the entry that looks like `programdir=word-directory`.

adding icons to Program Manager With the New command from Program Manager's File menu.

generic configuration A "plain" configuration that no user has customized. It serves as a backup, and is handy if you want to create configurations for new users.

