

The Preferences Dialog

The Preferences dialog allows you to configure several aspects of CalcWorks. Select Preferences... from the File menu to access the dialog. All options are explained below, and are also summarized in Balloon Help.

Use 3D-style buttons - this option affects how buttons are drawn when they are depressed. Selecting this option will offset them one pixel down and to the right, with appropriate shading, to produce a more enhanced 3D appearance. If this option is left unchecked, the buttons will not be offset when depressed, only the shading will be changed. This option is not available on non-color monitors.

Show minimized status - select this option to display the status line in the minimized display window. If this option is not selected, an error condition will be indicated by an error indicator in the upper right of the display.

Show background clock - this option determines whether the minimized display window will switch to a time and date display when CalcWorks is in the background. The time and date is displayed in the format selected in the Date & Time control panel.

Fixed-size RPN stack - this option determines whether CalcWorks will allow the stack in RPN mode to grow and shrink. Selecting this option forces CalcWorks to maintain a stack size of four.

Iconize button minimizes - this option determines the function of the iconize button. If this option is checked, the button reduces CalcWorks to the minimized display window. If unchecked, it iconizes (reduces CalcWorks to its iconized state). The alternate function can be performed by pressing the [2nd] button first. This option also determines the function of the following option.

Iconize (Minimize) on app switch - this option, when enabled, automatically iconizes (minimizes) CalcWorks when it is switched to the background, and de-iconizes (maximizes) when switched back to the foreground. The text and function of this button changes depending on the setting of the "Iconize button minimizes" option above.

Switch to previous app on:

Iconize, Minimize - automatically switch the previous application to the foreground when CalcWorks is iconized and/or minimized.

SwitchBack keys... the four options relating to this option allow you to set the key combination that will activate the SwitchBack feature of CalcWorks, bringing the calculator immediately to the front if it is in the background. You can select any combination of the shift, control, option, and command keys. Select the keys carefully to avoid conflicts with your other applications. You should select at least two keys to avoid inadvertent switching. You can deselect all four options to disable SwitchBack.

Button popups

Delay - this popup menu determines the delay before a popup menu appears when the selected button has a popup attached. Setting this option to '0' causes the popup to appear

instantly. The only way to perform the default action in this case is to make a selection from the popup menu.

Markers - this option determines whether to show a popup marker, a small downward-pointing triangle, on those buttons that have a popup menu attached. Deselecting this option will not disable the popup menus.

Conversions menu

Show inverse - this option determines whether CalcWorks will automatically display the reverse conversion for each entry in the conversion list. You can always perform the reverse conversion by holding down the shift key on the keyboard before selecting the conversion from the menu.

Topics - this option determines whether the conversions are sorted by category as defined in the conversions dialog. Each category appears as an entry in the menu with attached submenus containing the conversions.

Submenus - this popup menu determines how CalcWorks will display the conversion list in the menu. Always will use submenus for every conversion in the list. Never will disable the submenus, and show each conversion in its own separate menu item. 2+ entries will only use a submenu if there are two or more entries for that conversion.

Display Font

LCD-style / Helvetica - this option determines the font used in the main and minimized displays.

12-digit / 16-digit - this option determines the maximum number of digits that can be displayed in the scientific and basic 4-function modes. See "Numeric Display and Entry".

Show title bar when:

Iconized, Minimized - draw the title bar on the iconized and/or minimized window. If the title bars are not shown, you can still drag the windows around by clicking on and dragging the display or icon itself.

Tape window

Automatic tape logging - selecting this option automatically turns tape logging on while the tape window is shown, and turns logging off when it is hidden. If this option is not selected, you can turn logging on and off manually from the Options menu.

Log intermediate results - selecting this option will log intermediate calculation results to the tape window. For instance, entering $1 + 2 + 3$ shows the result of "1 + 2" when the second '+' is entered.

Prompt to save changes - selecting this option tells CalcWorks to warn you when you are about to erase unsaved changes to a tape document, with the option to save changes or cancel.

Save with preferences:

Display - save the currently displayed value with preferences.

Memories - save all memory contents with preferences.

Tape - save tape window contents to a separate file in the Preferences folder.

Layout - save current button layout with preferences.

Keys - save currently defined key assignments with preferences.

NOTE: The preceding five options are only available in the registered version of CalcWorks. These optional preferences are not saved if CalcWorks is not registered.

The status of all options in this dialog (except as noted) are saved to the CalcWorks Preferences file in the System folder when you quit CalcWorks. Other options saved are window position and status, calculator display settings, and all calculator mode settings. These settings and options are then restored when CalcWorks is next started up. If you wish to bypass these saved settings and restore CalcWorks to its default condition, press and hold option as CalcWorks starts up.