

DIR.WPM

DIR.WPM is a WordPerfect 5.1 macro. It can be used by anyone to choose directories using a menu. After you choose a directory, the macro will ask you whether you want to make that directory your new default directory. Unless you press the "n" or "N" keys, the default directory will be changed, and all files created will be saved in the new directory. If do press "n" or "N", the directory will be displayed without changing your current display.

To edit this macro, follow these keystrokes:

CTRL-F10 ----- Define a macro
DIR, [ENTER]-- The macro name, then hit ENTER key
E ----- Edit

In the macro editor, use the down arrow until you will see the following (line numbers added for reference):

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1 | {;}LINES·TO·EDIT·START·HERE~  
2 |  
3 | {ASSIGN}row~5~ {;}Starting·row·(may·be·changed)~  
4 | {ASSIGN}col~25~ {;}Starting·column~  
5 |  
6 | {ASSIGN}1~c:\wp51\dirname~ {;}List·your·directories·~  
7 | {ASSIGN}1n~Domestic·Work~ {;}and·descriptions·using~  
8 | {ASSIGN}2~c:\wp51\dirname~ {;}this·format~  
9 | {ASSIGN}2n~Name·of·Directory·2~  
10 | {ASSIGN}3~c:\wp51\dirname~  
11 | {ASSIGN}3n~Name·of·Directory·3~  
12 | {ASSIGN}4~c:\wp51\dirname~  
13 | {ASSIGN}4n~Name·of·Directory·4~  
14 |  
15 | {;}LINES·TO·EDIT·END·HERE~
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In line 3, you can change the row where the menu will be displayed. Row 5 is 5 lines from top.

In line 4, you can change the column where the macro displays. A standard display has 80 columns.

Lines 6,8,10, and 12 are the full pathname of the directories that you want available. The number following the {ASSIGN} command is the number that will appear on the menu. Lines 7,9,11,and 13 are the

descriptions for the directories.

This macro allows you to extend the menu to the limits of your display. An example follows:

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{ASSIGN}5~c:\wp51\letters~  
{ASSIGN}5n~Letter Directory·4~
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Note that you must have a directory name for each directory listed.

This macro deliberately uses advanced 5.1 macro commands with only basic remarks. It has a number of interesting programming techniques that I have found along the way. Because of how this macro works, it is not the speediest in displaying the menu. The advantage of the macro is that you move the display on the screen, and extend the menu with a minimum of commands.

Notice that if you have 10 or more directories, the display is adjusted so that the 10th and subsequent directories are aligned properly. The prompt changes from one character to require pressing the ENTER key.

If you rename the macro to ALTD.WPM, you can get the list by pressing ALT-D.

This macro was written in response to an article seen in PC Magazine, and the following discussions in the Working Word section of PC MAGNET. From a CompuServe prompt, type GO ZNT:UTILFORUM.

This macro may become a part of the next version of my shareware macros for WP51. The current version is WPMAC516.ZIP, found as WPMAC51.ZIP on CompuServe and PC MAGNET.

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