

Chapter 6

This chapter presents several tips for configuring Microsoft Windows 3.1, both for gaining optimal performance and for setting up Program Manager and File Manager.

Related information

Windows User's Guide: Chapter 3, "Program Manager"; Chapter 4, "File Manager"; Chapter 14, "Optimizing Windows"

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and Chapter 5, "Windows 3.1 and Memory Management"

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Memory Specification, Extended Memory Specification, paging, virtual machines

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Tips for Optimizing Performance

This section presents a summary of tips for achieving the best performance for Windows 3.1, plus specific information about using EMM386.EXE.

Before making changes to your system configuration, create a backup boot disk, as described in “Creating a ‘Clean Boot’ for Troubleshooting” in Chapter 13, “Troubleshooting Windows 3.1.” For information that will help you solve specific performance problems with your system, see “Troubleshooting Windows Configuration” in Chapter 13.

Checklist for Optimizing Performance

Here is a summary of items related to optimizing your hardware and software configuration for both Windows applications and non-Windows applications running under Windows 3.1.

For information about the parameters discussed in this chapter for HIMEM.SYS, EMM386.EXE, SMARTDRV.EXE, and RAMDRIVE.SYS, see Chapter 14, “Optimizing Windows,” in the Windows User’s Guide.

Tip To see a list of switches that can be used with Microsoft system drivers that have .EXE filename extensions, at the command prompt, type the driver name and the /? switch, then press ENTER. For example, type `emm386 /?` at the command prompt to see a list of the switches you can use with EMM386.EXE.

Configuring Hardware for Optimal Performance

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Speed for Hard Disk Space” later in this chapter.

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software such as Steve Gibson’s SpinRite. Hard disks are often formatted with the wrong interleave at the dealer or factory. Some utilities can correct your interleave without reformatting the hard disk.

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configured as either expanded or extended memory, configure all of this memory as extended memory, then use EMM386.EXE to emulate expanded memory only as needed by non-Windows applications that

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require such memory to run. In such a case, place the expanded memory driver first in CONFIG.SYS, followed by the lines that load HIMEM and EMM386.

For example:

```
device=c:\emmbord.sys
device=c:\dos\himem.sys
device=c:\dos\emm386.exe 1024 x=C000-C7FF
```

For information about configuring the memory in your add-on board, see its documentation. Some expanded memory boards may be incompatible with EMM386.EXE.

Configuring MS-DOS for Optimal Performance

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memory area (HMA) by setting `dos=high` or `dos=high,umb` in `CONFIG.SYS`. For more information, see “Loading MS-DOS in the HMA” later in this chapter.

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`RAMDRIVE.SYS`, and `SMARTDRV.EXE` are stored in the directories specified in the command lines that load these drivers in your `CONFIG.SYS` and `AUTOEXEC.BAT` files. (Placing any of these drivers in the root directory will not improve performance.)

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`HIMEM` comes before commands that load any other applications or drivers that use extended memory.

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amount of memory possible, because the `SMARTDrive` disk caching driver can produce the biggest Windows 3.1 performance improvement.

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requires a higher setting.

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higher number of buffers with `SMARTDrive` will decrease efficiency.

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buffers may improve disk access times, but will use more conventional memory.

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diskless workstation or if you have limited hard disk space and ample extended memory (more than 6 MB). Performance improves for Print

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Manager and for applications that frequently create .TMP files, because access is faster for a RAM disk than for a physical disk.

- require expanded memory or if you want to allocate UMBs for loading memory-resident TSRs and drivers. For more information, see “Optimizing Use of the UMBs” later in this chapter.

- possible, load TSRs and device drivers into the UMBs.

- you can specify a smaller environment.

- CONFIG.SYS if you only use the mouse in Windows, and don’t want mouse support while running non-Windows applications in 386 enhanced mode.

Maintaining Optimal Hard Disk Performance

- and .TMP files. Make sure that Windows is not running when you delete .TMP files. For a description of the minimum Windows files, see Appendix C, “The Windows 3.1 Disks and Files.”

- detected, then run `chkdsk /f` and delete *.CHK files.

- hard disk greatly impacts Windows performance, especially if SMARTDrive is installed or if you are using a temporary swap file. Make sure Windows is not running whenever you run the disk compacting utility.

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- if you need to free memory for running applications.

hard drive by setting the SwapDisk= entry in the [NonWindowsApp] section of SYSTEM.INI.

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drive by choosing the 386 Enhanced icon in Control panel and filling in the options in the Virtual Memory dialog box.

a premium. For details about permanent swap files, see “Virtual Memory and 386 Enhanced Mode” in Chapter 5, “Windows 3.1 and Memory Management.”

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your temporary swap file to the fastest hard drive by setting a value for PagingDrive= or PagingFile= in the [386enh] section of SYSTEM.INI.

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your needs. For VGA-compatible displays that can use an extended mode driver, such as Video 7 or 8514, using the standard VGA driver will ensure faster display performance (but lower resolution and less color support).

Optimizing for Non-Windows Applications

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applications by using the PIF Editor to create a custom PIF, as described in Chapter 7, “Setting Up Non-Windows Applications.”

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Advanced dialog box. These options are not required for most non-Windows applications.

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sending update messages to File Manager from non-Windows applications.

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non-Windows applications do not need expanded memory. This ensures that the most memory possible is available in virtual machines.

Optimizing for TSRs

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network, or that must be present for other purposes.

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TSR in the virtual machine after launching that application. For more information about creating batch files for running TSRs from Windows, see Chapter 7, “Non-Windows Applications,” in the Windows User’s Guide.

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names to the file WINSTART.BAT, which is executed whenever Windows runs in 386 enhanced mode. These TSRs are not available in the virtual machines (VMs), leaving more room in conventional memory for the non-Windows applications. For more information about WINSTART.BAT, see Chapter 14, “Optimizing Windows,” in the Windows User’s Guide.

The following table shows where a TSR is available (and using memory), depending on where it is launched.

Where TSR
TSR visible
is launched
in Windows?

From MS-DOS
Yes

From WINSTART.BAT
Yes

In a single virtual machine
No

Optimizing for Windows on a Network

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of the network disk drives.

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net drive for a permanent swap file if at all possible.

- network software loaded in the upper memory area or in the high memory area, try disabling the network's HMA option. Consult your network documentation for more information.

- load networks and other device drivers in the upper memory area. If the network driver is loaded in the upper memory area and a user has problems running Windows, try loading the network in conventional memory.

Trading Speed for Hard Disk Space

To optimize Windows performance, you must make trade-offs between speed and hard disk space, depending on your system's hardware capabilities. In either case, make sure that as much free memory as possible is available.

To ensure maximum free memory in your system:

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memory management, such as using EMM386.EXE to manage UMBs.

To ensure optimal speed performance:

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hard disk with the most free space.

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disk so that the Windows files are located near the file allocation table (FAT).

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To ensure maximum hard disk space:

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file in 386 enhanced mode. Or prevent swapping by typing none in the New Settings Type edit box of the Virtual Memory dialog box, or by setting paging=no in the [386enh] section of SYSTEM.INI.

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create a minimum Windows “footprint.”

Optimizing Use of the UMBs

Related information

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the Upper Memory Area” in Chapter 12

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Chapter 5, “Windows 3.1 and Memory Management”; “Troubleshooting EMS Memory Problems” in Chapter 13, “Troubleshooting Windows 3.1”

On 80386 and higher PCs that use MS-DOS 5.0, you can free conventional memory by loading memory-resident programs such as device drivers, TSRs, and network software into the upper memory blocks (UMBs). You can optimize the way your system uses the UMBs by following the guidelines in this section:

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fewer UMBs for expanded memory, so that there is more room for loading other programs into the UMBs. For details about how to do this, see “Adjusting EMM386 for Optimal Performance” later in this chapter.

Loading MS-DOS in the HMA

You must load MS-DOS 5.0 in the HMA and use the umb switch to link the UMBs to conventional memory if you want to load programs into the UMBs.

To load MS-DOS 5.0 in the HMA:

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The parts of MS-DOS 5.0 that are loaded into the HMA include most of the kernel and COMMAND.COM, code pages, and the MS-DOS buffers (from the buffers= command in CONFIG.SYS). To remain compatible with software created for earlier versions of MS-DOS, about 19K of MS-DOS 5.0 code stays in conventional memory.

You can only load one program at a time into the HMA, so if you load MS-DOS 5.0 into the HMA, then you cannot load a network redirector, for example, into it as well. If you must choose what to load into the HMA, always choose to load MS-DOS 5.0, because it uses the HMA efficiently and leaves little behind in conventional memory.

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since loading them with devicehigh has no effect.

Loading EMM386.EXE to Use the UMBs

After loading HIMEM.SYS in CONFIG.SYS, load EMM386.EXE with the ram switch or the noems switch, plus any other parameters as required for your system. The ram switch provides both UMBs and a 64K EMS page frame; noems provides UMBs only and no page frame. If none of your applications require EMS, then use noems, which will provide an extra 64K in the UMBs.

If you load EMM386 with the noems switch and find that some programs fail to run or display out-of-memory messages, it's because they require expanded memory to run. If this happens, replace the noems switch with the ram switch to make expanded memory available again.

Setting the Load Order for Drivers in UMBs

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You must experiment to find the best order for loading drivers and TSRs in the UMBs.

To find the best order for loading drivers into UMBs:

1.
command. Use the device command to start any drivers that are smaller than the largest memory-resident program loaded from AUTOEXEC.BAT.
2.
the loadhigh command.
3.
loaded into the UMBs and what is in conventional memory. If everything didn't fit into the UMBs, change the order in which the programs are loaded in CONFIG.SYS and AUTOEXEC.BAT.

With devicehigh and loadhigh, each device and TSR is loaded into the largest available slot, so the order in which programs are loaded can affect how many programs can fit into the UMB. Also, how and when a program allocates memory determines what size UMB it needs. Some programs need a UMB as large as the program size while running, and some need a UMB as large as the program file size.

The following table lists some Microsoft device drivers and memory-resident programs that can run in the UMBs. This table shows whether the program's file size or size while running determines the UMB size the program needs.

UMB size
Program
Program
ANSI.SYS
MOUSE.COM
DISPLAY.SYS
MOUSE.SYS
DOSKEY.COM

PRINTER.SYS

DRIVER.SYS
RAMDRIVE.SYS

EGA.SYS
SETVER.EXE

FASTOPEN.EXE
SHARE.EXE

MIRROR.COM

Note

EMM386.EXE, or SMARTDRV.EXE.

If your mouse comes with both MOUSE.SYS and MOUSE.COM files, you can load the mouse driver at any point after HIMEM.SYS and EMM386.EXE. Use devicehigh in CONFIG.SYS to load MOUSE.SYS, or use loadhigh in AUTOEXEC.BAT to load MOUSE.COM.

For example, suppose you have an 80386 computer with 2 MB of extended memory that you want to configure as follows:

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Your CONFIG.SYS file should contain the following commands:

```
device=c:\dos\himem.sys
device=c:\dos\emm386.exe 512 ram
dos=high,umb
devicehigh=c:\dos\mouse.sys
```

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Figure 6.1

Example of UMBs in the upper memory area

For a VGA or V7VGA
display adapter,
a network card
at D000-D7FF,
and an EMS 3.2
page frame
at E000-EFFF

For more information about determining memory requirements and load order for programs, see the Microsoft MS-DOS Getting Started booklet and see page 519 of the Microsoft MS-DOS User's Guide and Reference.

Adjusting EMM386 for Optimal Performance

The EMM386.EXE driver takes a conservative approach when scanning the UMBs for free space, because it must remain compatible with software that was created for earlier versions of MS-DOS. For example, EMM386.EXE does not map over any unused ROM. If you have space below C800 or above DFFF that you know is unused and you want it used for the UMBs, you must explicitly instruct EMM386.EXE to include it by using the `i=` switch to specify a range of segment addresses.

For more information about EMM386, see pages 287—290 and 605—609 of the Microsoft MS-DOS User's Guide and Reference; see also Chapter 14, "Optimizing Windows," in the Windows User's Guide.

Adjusting EMM386 to Provide More UMBs

You can adjust EMM386 to allocate space in the UMBs, especially if you start EMM386 with the `ram` switch to make expanded memory available to programs. First, carry out Procedure 1 below; then, if you still cannot load programs and device drivers into UMBs, carry out Procedure 2.

Procedure 1

To allocate additional space for use as UMBs:

Flowchart 1.5 Clean Boot Disk

1.
Troubleshooting” in Chapter 13, “Troubleshooting Windows 3.1.”
2.
device=emm386.exe line of CONFIG.SYS.

The value you specify for the i switch depends on your computer and monitor type.

monitor, add the i=e000-ffff and the i=b000-b7ff switches before the ram or noems switch. For example:

i=e000-ffff switch before the ram or noems switch. For example:

monitor, add the i=b000-b7ff switch before the ram or noems switch. For example:

Procedure 2.

3.
range you specified for EMM386 is probably being used by hardware or video display drivers. In this case, use your backup boot disk to restart your computer. Then remove the i switches you added for EMM386 in CONFIG.SYS.

4.
whether the programs were loaded into UMBs successfully.

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If you still cannot load programs into UMBs, your system might be using much of the UMBs for hardware code. Some computers use the UMBs for ROM shadowing, which can improve your computer's speed. (In ROM shadowing, the computer copies hardware code from the slower read-only memory into faster RAM.) To find out more about how your computer uses the UMBs, see the documentation that came with your system.

If you cannot load programs into UMBs, and you are starting EMM386 with the ram switch, carry out Procedure 2.

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expanded memory according to LIM EMS version 4.0. Programs that follow LIM EMS 3.2 need the full 64K page frame and are unable to use expanded memory if you follow this procedure.

Procedure 2

To set aside fewer UMBs for expanded memory:

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activities. Find the line that reads Page frame segment, and write down the hexadecimal address that appears on that line. For example:

2.

line of CONFIG.SYS.

example, if the page-frame segment was E000h, the command would be:

3.

in drive A and restart your computer. Then remove the p0 switch you added to CONFIG.SYS in Step 2. Restart your computer and repeat Steps 1 and 2, checking the page-frame segment address carefully.

4.

whether the programs were loaded into UMBs successfully.

If your programs still do not run in UMBs, contact Microsoft Product

Support Services for assistance.

Freeing Conventional Memory in 386 Enhanced Mode

When you run non-Windows applications in 386 enhanced mode, Windows allocates translation buffers to pass data between the applications and drivers executing in real mode, as described in Chapter 5, “Windows 3.1 and Memory Management.” On a stand-alone PC, Windows allocates two translation buffers for each virtual machine (8K total); on a networked PC, Windows allocates six buffers (24K total).

If it finds space, Windows places the translation buffers in the UMBs; otherwise, they are placed in conventional memory, where they take up space in every virtual machine.

To find out if you still have UMBs free while running EMM386, at the command prompt type `mem /p` to see what is free in the hexadecimal addresses between A000 and FFFF. Then add an `x=` switch to the EMM386 line in CONFIG.SYS to exclude the unused UMB ranges.

If you don't have at least 28K of free UMB, you can still partially optimize the use of this area. Because each translation buffer is 4K, each 4K chunk you exclude will save conventional memory. For example, this line will let Windows load one buffer into the UMB, freeing 4K of conventional memory:

```
device=c:\dos\emm386.exe noems x=df00-dfff
```

Excluding memory, however, can change how MS-DOS 5.0 loads programs into UMBs, so you may need to experiment to get the optimal configuration.

Tips for Using Third-Party Memory Managers

For complete compatibility, Windows 3.1 and MS-DOS 5.0 both provide HIMEM.SYS and EMM386.EXE as memory management drivers. The overriding objective Microsoft has for these drivers is to avoid hanging any computer during or after memory configuration. Optimization, while important, is secondary.

You can also use a third-party memory manager to manage UMBs in an 80386 computer. Such memory managers have different objectives, and there are pros and cons to using them in place of the built-in Microsoft memory managers.

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To allocate UMBs through a third-party memory manager, you need both a UMB provider and a UMB loader:

- A UMB provider is the memory manager that makes UMBs available. For MS-DOS 5.0, the UMB provider is the combination of EMM386.EXE plus HIMEM.SYS. In QEMM386 and 386MAX, for example, the UMB providers are QEMM386.SYS and 386MAX.SYS, respectively.

- MS-DOS 5.0 is in the MS-DOS kernel, accessed through the devicehigh and loadhigh commands. The equivalents in 386MAX are 386LOAD.SYS and 386LOAD.COM; in QEMM386, they are LOADHI.SYS and LOADHI.COM.

The arguments for using third-party memory managers include:

- loading into the UMBs. For example, you can specify a particular UMB for loading a program.
- memory, while HIMEM.SYS with EMM386.EXE may take up to 10K. However, some memory managers also require overhead in the UMBs, but neither HIMEM.SYS nor EMM386.EXE require any.

The arguments against using third-party memory managers include:

- than EMM386.EXE, and they are often geared toward more sophisticated users.
- EMM386.EXE, so they require additional costs and resources to support. Unless you absolutely require 100 percent optimization, a third-party memory manager may be superfluous.

If you decide to use a third-party memory manager, follow these guidelines:

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- into the UMBs. MS-DOS 5.0 automatically puts its buffers into the HMA, saving the UMBs for other programs.
- third-party UMB loader (such as 386LOAD.SYS and 386LOAD.COM).
- space (from the files and lastdrive commands in your CONFIG.SYS) into the UMBs.

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You can also use third-party memory drivers as alternatives to HIMEM.SYS, SMARTDRV.EXE, and RAMDRIVE.SYS. However, the memory drivers provided with Windows 3.1 have been specifically designed and tested to provide maximum compatibility between MS-DOS 5.0 and Windows 3.1.

Optimizing with SYSTEM.INI

Many entries in SYSTEM.INI can be set to optimize performance for your system. Some entries are for specific hardware configurations. For details about any of these entries, see Chapter 4, “The Windows Initialization Files.”

The [standard] section of SYSTEM.INI contains these entries for configuring Windows performance in standard mode: FasterModeSwitch= (for specific Zenith and Olivetti systems), Int28Filter=, and Stacks=. Also, the SwapDisk= entry in the [NonWindowsApp] section of SYSTEM.INI affects performance for running non-Windows applications in standard mode.

The [386enh] section contains entries for optimizing performance in 386 enhanced mode. These entries specify values for virtual memory and paging:

LRUentries=
PagingFile=
MaxBPs=
PerVMFILES=
MaxPagingFileSize=
PSPIncrement=
MaxPhysPage=
SysVMV86Locked=
MinTimeSlice=
XlatBufferSize=

These entries in [386enh] specify values for controlling UMBs and EMS management for VMs:

AllEMSLocked=
ReserveVideoROM=
EMMExclude=
SysVMEMSLocked=
EMMInclude=

SysVMEMSRequired=
EMMPageFrame=
UseableHighArea=
EMMSize=
XMSUMBInitCalls=

These entries in [386enh] specify values for XMS management and VMs:

AllXMSLocked=
SysVMXMSRequired=
MapPhysAddress=

These entries in [386enh] specify values for DMA buffers:

DMABufferIn1MB=
MaxDMAPGAddress=
DMABufferSize=
MCADMA=

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Several entries in various sections of SYSTEM.INI are specifically related to optimizing Windows performance on a network.

Section

[Boot]

Network.driv=

[Standard]

NetHeapSize=

[NonWindowsApps]

[386enh]

Network=

InDOSPolling=

Int28Critical=

NetAsynchFallback=

NetAsynchTimeout=

NetDMASize=

NetHeapSize=

Tips for Configuring the Windows Shell

This section describes how you can customize Program Manager and File Manager, the principal shells for managing Windows services and files. For information about the system registration database that supports many of these services, see “Managing the Registration Database” in Chapter 11, “Compound Documents in Windows 3.1.”

Customizing Program Manager

The Program Manager is installed automatically by Setup as the main Windows shell. Use the menu commands in Program Manager to control the appearance and behavior of items in the window. Use the applications and accessories in the Program Manager groups to control the configuration and appearance of all elements of Windows, including the drivers, memory management, and peripherals such as printers and multimedia devices.

You might choose to use another shell (by changing the shell= entry in the [boot] section of SYSTEM.INI). However, Setup for most Windows applications looks for Program Manager and cannot complete installation unless Program Manager is the current Windows shell. This is because Program Manager facilitates many services, including the addition of new entries in the system registration database.

You can also specify an entry for TaskMan.exe= in the [boot] section of SYSTEM.INI if you want to use a third-party task manager.

For details about the Program Manager initialization file, see the entries for PROGMAN.INI in Chapter 4, “The Windows Initialization Files.” For details about working with any items in Program Manager, see Chapter 3, “Program Manager,” in the Windows User’s Guide.

New in Program Manager in Windows 3.1

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In Windows 3.1, Program Manager makes fewer demands on system memory resources than in earlier Windows versions. This means that you can have more groups defined without using up memory, and that the window can refresh itself faster. Other changes in Program Manager in Windows 3.1 include:

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choose otherwise.

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executable programs using every listing in the programs= entry of WIN.INI. If you type a filename in the Command Line box, Windows uses the registration database and the [extensions] setting in WIN.INI to find the associated program.

Defining Program Manager Groups

The Main, Applications, Accessories, Games, and Startup groups are created in Program Manager automatically during Setup. You can move icons from one group to another by dragging, and you can add to any group by dragging the icon for a file or application from File Manager to the Program Manager group. To create a new group in Program Manager,

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choose New from the File menu and complete the dialog box. Choose Properties from the File menu to define the appearance and behavior of any group item.

Figure 6.2

New Program Object dialog box

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want to run each time you run Windows. (This means you no longer have to edit the run= and load= entries in WIN.INI to define the startup applications; these entries are independent from the Startup group.)

Information about the groups defined in Program Manager appears in the [groups] section of the PROGMAN.INI file.

Tip If you want to rename the Startup group to customize your desktop, add a startup=other group name entry to the [settings] section of PROGMAN.INI.

Defining Properties for Program Groups

The Properties command on the Program Manager File menu provides options for controlling the appearance of icons and the behaviors related to launching applications from Program Manager. Make a group window active, or select a group item, then choose Properties to define:

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when you double-click the icon.

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The working directory for the application. By default, this is the directory that contains the application.

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The shortcut key you want to reserve for switching to the application when it's running.

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whenever you run it.

Any changes you make take effect immediately. The [group] section in PROGMAN.INI and the related .GRP file are updated to save the changes.

For information about customizing the group items, and controlling other aspects of how items appear on the desktop, see Chapter 5, “Control Panel,” in the Windows User’s Guide.

Setting Up Shared Program Manager Groups

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them available to users as read-only files. A user cannot change the contents of a shared group. The Move and Delete commands on the File menu in Program Manager are not available for shared groups. A user can choose the Properties command to review file properties of items in a shared group, but cannot change them.

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To share a Program Manager group, you must mark the group file (*.GRP) as read-only and place it in a shared network directory. At the workstation, you or a user can create a group and use the group file from the shared network directory.

To set up a shared Program Manager group:

1.
program items to it.
2.
read-only.
3.
Group File box in the Program Group Properties dialog box, specify the location and name of the group file in the shared network directory.

Figure 6.3

Program Group Properties dialog box

If you don't want to use Program Manager to set up the group, you can modify the PROGMAN.INI file for the workstation. In the [groups] section of the PROGMAN.INI file, add a unique variable plus the name and path of the group file. For example:

```
group8=z:\winshare\programs.grp
```

If you want a shared Program Manager group to be set up when users install Windows for their workstations, you must create a PROGMAN.INI file that points to the shared group, and then have that PROGMAN.INI file copied to the user's WINDOWS directory during Setup.

For more information, see "Modifying .INF Files for Custom Installations" in Chapter 2, "The Windows Setup Information Files."

Configuring Program Manager for a Network Workgroup

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restrict user actions for a workgroup that uses Windows on a network. You can add a [restrictions] sections to PROGMAN.INI to:

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NoFileMenu=1.

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items, or change properties for items or groups, by setting values for EditLevel=.

For example, if you want users to have a standard work environment where they cannot run programs from Windows other than ones you have set up in Program Manager groups, and you do not want any of their window or icon positions saved when Windows is restarted, specify the following entries in PROGMAN.INI:

```
[restrictions]
NoRun=1
NoSaveSettings=1
EditLevel=4
```

If you do not want users to be able to exit Windows, specify the following entry in PROGMAN.INI:

```
[restrictions]
NoClose=1
```

If you don't want users to run any programs from Windows other than ones that you set up in Program Manager groups, specify the following entries in PROGMAN.INI:

```
[restrictions]
NoRun=1
EditLevel=4
```

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File Manager. So if you do not want users to start other applications, make sure you do not include them in Program Manager groups.

For more information, see the description of the [restrictions] section in “PROGMAN.INI: The Program Manager Initialization File” in Chapter 4, “The Windows Initialization Files.”

Customizing File Manager

The Windows 3.1 File Manager provides the tools you need to organize files and directories and to take advantage of drag-and-drop features for creating compound documents.

For details about working with any items in File Manager, see Chapter 4, “File Manager,” in the Windows User’s Guide.

New in File Manager for Windows 3.1

The File Manager works more quickly and efficiently in Windows 3.1. For example:

- capabilities have been enhanced. Also, you can cancel time-consuming processes (such as complete searches of a CD-ROM drive).
- system in a single window. Also, more information appears, such as disk space usage, network share names, and more.
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- provides the capabilities you expect and need for file management. For example, menu settings and window positions are saved automatically, unless you choose otherwise.
- icons to embed and link one file in another, as described in Chapter 13, “Integrating Your Windows Applications,” in the Windows User’s Guide.

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when you run Windows, and related menu items appear automatically to assist you with network activities related to file management.

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network supports this feature.

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Defining File Manager Actions

To use File Manager services or to define the behavior and appearance of information in the window:

- management activities.
- directories and files in the File Manager windows.
- want warning messages to appear when you delete files or perform other actions.

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Choose other Options menu commands to define the font, status bar, and other behaviors for running and quitting File Manager.

Associating Extensions with File Types

If the filename extension for a file is associated with a file type defined in the registration database, you can:

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Print the file by dragging its icon to the Print Manager.

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Embed the file as a packaged object by dragging its icon to an application icon or to another document icon.

Many filename extensions are predefined when you install Windows. You can use the File Manager to add or change the association of a filename extension with any file type that is defined in the registration database.

To associate a filename extension with a file type:

1.
associate with a file type.
- 2.
3.
extension you want in the Files With Extension box.
4.
associated with the extension. If the application name isn't in the list, type an executable program filename in the box, or click Browse and select a file from the list. Then click the OK button.

Figure 6.4

Associate dialog box

When you change the associated filename extension in the File Manager Associate dialog box, Windows updates the related entry in the registration database and updates the list in the [extensions] section of WIN.INI.

Note

the server application must have been written for Windows 3.1. Otherwise, you must use the Object Packager to create the package, as described in Chapter 13, "Integrating Your Windows Applications," in the Windows User's Guide.

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