Control Panel

Lets you customize the way your system is configured. You can change both hardware and software settings.

application Control-menu

Restore	Restores the application window to its former size.
Move	Moves the application window to another location.
Size	Changes the size of the application window.
Mi**n**imize	Shrinks the application window to an icon.
Ma**x**imize	Enlarges the application window to its maximum size.
Close	Closes the application window.
S**w**itch To...	Starts Windows Task List.

title bar

Contains the title of the application running in the window, in this case Control Panel.

▶   Drag the title bar to move the window.

Minimize button

▶ Click the Minimize button to shrink the Control Panel window to an icon.

Maximize button

▸   Click the Maximize button to enlarge the Control Panel window to its maximum size.

Settings menu

Settings	
Color...	Changes colors for screen elements.
Desktop...	Changes various desktop options.
Date/Time...	Changes date and time of the computer system's clock.
Display	Changes the video display mode.
Drivers...	Installs or configures drivers, such as printer drivers.
Fonts...	Adds and removes fonts.
International...	Specifies international settings for applications.
Joystick...	Calibrates joystick positions to match display boundries.
Keyboard...	Changes the speed at which a key repeats.
MIDI Mapper...	Changes MIDI mappings.
Mouse...	Changes mouse speed and function settings.
Network...	Changes options for your network connection.
Ports...	Specifies communications settings for serial (COM) ports.
Printers...	Installs or removes printers, and changes printer options.
Screen Saver...	Selects a screen saver image or pattern.
Sound...	Controls sound function and options.
386 Enhanced...	Manages device contention and resource allocation.
Exit	Exits Control Panel.

Help menu

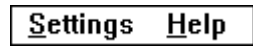| Help	
Index	Displays an alphabetical list of all Help topics.
Keyboard	Displays Help on Control Panel key combinations.
Commands	Displays Help on Control Panel commands.
Procedures	Displays Help on Control Panel procedures.
Using Help	Displays information about Windows Help.
About Control Panel ...	Displays important information about Control Panel.

menu bar | Settings   Help |

Contains the names of all the Control Panel menus.

▶   Click a menu name to display commands.

Color icon   Color

Changes the colors of Windows desktop elements.

▶   Double-click the Color icon.

Printers icon   Printers

Installs a new printer or changes the options for a printer you've already set up.

NOTE: The online file, PRINTERS.TXT, provides additional information about many of the printers you can use with Windows. You can use Notepad to read this file.

▶   Double-click the Printers icon.

Fonts icon   Fonts

Adds and removes fonts.

▶ Double-click the Fonts icon.

International icon   International

Sets international options. If you are using Windows in English within the United States, you do not need to change international settings.

▶   Double-click the International icon.

Ports icon   Ports

Specifies the following communications settings for each serial (COM) port your system uses: baud rate, data bits and stop bits, parity, and flow control. These settings tell Windows how your computer transfers information to an external communications device.

▶   Double-click the Ports icon.

Keyboard icon   Keyboard

Specifies how fast a key repeats when you hold it down.

▶   Double-click the Keyboard icon.

Mouse icon   Mouse

Adjusts the way your mouse works with Windows. You can change these settings for your mouse: the rate at which the pointer travels across the screen, the speed at which Windows registers a double-click, and the functions of the left and right buttons.

▶   Double-click the Mouse icon.

Date/Time icon   Date/Time

Changes the date and time of the computer's clock.

▶   Double-click the Date/Time icon.

Desktop icon   Desktop

Changes the pattern of your desktop and sets other desktop options.

▶   Double-click the Desktop icon.

Network icon   Network

Changes options for your specific network connection.

▸   Double-click the Network icon.

386 Enhanced icon   386 Enhanced

Manages device contention and allocates resources for running Windows applications and non-Windows applications.

▶   Double-click the 386 Enhanced icon.

Display icon   Display

Changes the video display modes for some multimedia applications. For example, if you have a 16-color VGA monitor, some applications might look more attractive if you change the display mode.

▶   Double-click the Display icon.

Drivers icon Drivers

Installs new drivers or configures existing drivers.

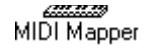▶   Double-click the Drivers icon.

Joystick icon   Joystick

Sets joystick positions to match the display boundaries.

Color   Double-click the Joystick icon.

MIDI Mapper icon   MIDI Mapper

Sets up the mapping assignments for an external MIDI device such as a synthesizer.

Color   Double-click the MIDI icon.

Sound icon Sound

Specifies sounds used by Windows and applications, and turns the warning beep on and off.

Color   Double-click the Sound icon.

Screen Saver icon   Screen Saver

Sets up a screen saver to display when Windows is idle.

Color   Double-click the Screen Saver icon.

application window

The main window for an application, in this case the Control Panel window. The Control Panel application window contains all the settings icons for changing your Windows configuration.

status bar   Customize desktop colors

Describes the use of the selected icon.

window border

The outside edge of a window.

Color   Drag the window border to change the size of the window.

application icon   Program Manager

Represents a running application. An application icon appears after you minimize an application.

Color   Double-click an application icon to restore it to a window.

desktop

The screen background for Windows. You can change the way your Windows desktop looks and responds by setting the Desktop and Color options.

Double-click anywhere on the desktop to start Task List.