SnapShot

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General Instructions

SnapShot is a screen capture utility that uses a camera metaphor. Once you have loaded the film you can take pictures of the screen. Loading the film is done off of the Film menu. Taking pictures is accomplished by using the right button like a shutter.

Every picture you take is visible in the client area of SnapShot. Sizing SnapShot also sizes the picture. The picture in it's original size is also available in the Clipboard for use by other programs such as Paintbrush.

To take a picture just position the cursor over the window and click the right mouse button. Portions of   the screen can be also captured by holding down the right button and selecting a rectangular region.

Taking A Picture

To take a picture of the screen you must first enable the shutter. Select the menu command Load Film under the Film menu. The shutter for SnapShot is the Right mouse button.

Position the mouse cursor over the window you wish to take a picture of and click the right mouse button. The screen image of that window appears in SnapShot's client area as well as the clipboard.

You can also take pictures by selecting regions of the screen. Press down on the right button and drag the mouse over the area desired. Releasing the mouse button takes the picture.

Remember that once the film is loaded you can take pictures any time. So for full screen captures, load the film then open the application desired to full screen and click with the right button. (To ensure taking a picture of the entire window click on the caption bar). Then open up SnapShot or the Clipboard to see the result.

Erasing A Picture

Select the menu command New from the Film menu. This clears the client area of SnapShot as well as the contents of the <u>Clipboard.</u>

Options Dialog

The Options dialog allows you to modify SnapShot's behavior.

The Automatically Load Film checkbox allows you have SnapShot automatically run the Load Film command when SnapShot is started. With is option set you can take pictures right after starting SnapShot. You don't have to Load Film, thus saving yourself a step.

The Automatically View After Picture tells SnapShot to show itself after each picture is taken.

The Client Area Pictures tells SnapShot to take pictures of only the client area of window. For example if this options is on and you click on a DOS application running in a window you will capture just the application screen. SnapShot will not include the window's caption and border areas.

The state of these options is saved between sessions. So if you have a favorite set of settings you do not have to reset them every time you run SnapShot

Load Film

Load Film enables the right button of the mouse as your shutter for SnapShot. Film can be loaded from the application menu bar or the system menu bar. The system menu bar option is valuable for loading film while SnapShot is in the iconic state.

Unload Film

Unload Film disables the right button of the mouse. You can no longer take pictures. Film can be unloaded from the application menu bar or the system menu bar. The system menu bar option is valuable for unloading film while SnapShot is in the iconic state.

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Hints and Common Questions

How do I capture the entire screen?

Sometimes only a portion of a window is captured

How do I select only a portion of the screen?

How come I can only run one instance of SnapShot

How can I save something I've captured with SnapShot

Clipboard

A temporary storage area for cut or copied text or graphics. You can paste the Clipboard contents into a Windows application.

Screen Capture

Capturing the entire screen depends on whether a window occupies the entire screen.

If yes the just click on the windows's caption.

If no then just click on an area of the screen not occupied by a window.

Partial Window Problems (other windows)

To ensure the proper choice of window to capture by SnapShot click on the window's caption area.

Also, make sure the window in fully exposed. SnapShot will take a picture of anything partially covering a window.

Remember, some things are considered windows, such as the icons in the Program Manager

Selecting Portions of the Screen

Selecting portions of the screen is similar to the cutting operation in some word processors. Except in SnapShot's case the right mouse button used.

Press down on the right button when the cursor is in the upper left corner of the rectangular region you wish to select. While holding the button down drag the mouse to the lower right region. Observe the rectangle. When at the lower right corner release the button. The area will then be captured.

Only one instance Allowed

SnapShot allows only one instance of itself to run. In other words you can only run one SnapShot at a time. Trying to run a second instance of SnapShot just activates the first.

Saving Images

SnapShot currently does not support saving of images directly. SnapShot is useful for getting the images into the clipboard allowing other applications access to them. These applications can then modify and or save them.

For example, use SnapShot to capture an image. Open Paintbrush and pull down on the Edit menu. Select paste. Your image will then be taken in from the <u>Clipboard</u>. Cut the image with the rectangular cutting tool. (The upper right tool in the toolbox). Then select Copy To from the Edit menu. This prompts you for a bmp filename with a dialog box. Enter a name and hit Ok. You now have a bmp file of the image.

SnapShot II

Registering entiles you to a copy of SnapShot II, the retail version of SnapShot.

The following is a list of SnapShot II's features

Screen Captures
Screen captures of the desktop, individual windows and portions of the screen.
Screen captures are taken using the right mouse button.

Opening and Saving
BMP, RLE and DIB formated bitmaps

Printing Support
Original size
Stretched to client size
Stretched to screen size
Printer Setup

Viewing Options
Original Size
Stretched to client size
Full Screen size

Clipboard Support
Copy and Paste functionality

Application Options
Automatically load film when starting.
Automatically restore after taking a screen capture
Automatically stretch picture in view
Automatically put capture in the clipboard
Automatically hide during screen captures
Captures of the client portion of a window.

Application Options are saved between sessions.

All features and functions are documented completely in SnapShot II's WinHelp file.