Workspaces

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Settings

Introduction

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What does it do?

Workspaces enable you to have upto six virtual desktops on your screen. This prevents clutter on your screen.

For Example: Suppose you perform three types of tasks using windows applications on your PC:
    1. Word processing
    2. Games
    3. Financial: spreadsheets/databases etc.

Suppose these tasks are unrelated. You can then place all the windows for category 1 in workspace 1. You can place all the windows for the games in workspace 2 and so on. You   can switch from one workspace to another by pressing the appropriate button on the workspaces window.

Suppose you switch from workspace 1 to workspace 2. All the windows in workspace 1 will be hidden and any windows in workspace 2 will be made visible. The desktop background will also change.

In order to start an application / game in workspace 2 you would want to use the program manager or the file manager. But these may have been hidden when you switched workspaces. You can press the S button (settings) and specify the tasks that you want to be shared across workspaces. for eg: program manager. Once you have access to the program manager   or file manager, you can start your application in workspace 2.

You can also change your desktop background using the settings dialog.

The settings dialog can also be used to specify applications that are to be started up automatically on first switching to a workspace.

Initialization file

All the settings that you specify are stored away in an initialization file called wspace.ini in the windows directory in your system.

You are advised not to edit this file manually.

Changing the desktop background

You can change the desktop background for the workspace you are in to suit your tastes.

Press the S button to get the settings dialog.You have to specify the desktop you want in the third box.

You can select the bitmap that you want from the list   by clicking on the appropriate one.

If you have bitmap files other than the ones distributed along with Windows 3.1 in the windows diretory, and you would like to choose from those too, you can copy them over to the windows directory. Workspaces will then recognize the new bitmaps.

To exit from the settings dialog press the quit button.

Application startup

You can choose to startup an application automatically the first time that you switch to a workspace.

Press button S for getting the settings dialog.
The second box is the place where you specify the names of the applications that are to be started up.

Key in the full pathname of the application that you wish to start. For example: If you wish to start the calculator application the first time you go into workspace 2 enter c:/windows/calc.exe and then press tab

Please note that the application will not be started up on exit from the settings dialog. This will be effective only the next time you start   workspaces which is probably the next time you start windows.

You can also delete an application from the list   by selecting an item from the drop down list and then pressing the delete button.

To exit from the settings dialog press the quit button.

Sharing tasks among workspaces

Some tasks would need to be shared across the workspaces. For example You may want the program manager in every workspace in order to start new applications.

Press button S for getting the settings dialog. The first box is the place where you specify the task to be shared.

Open the task list by pressing the down arrow button and select a task. Check the share box if you wish the task to be shared. Clear the box by clicking on it, if you do not wish it to be shared.

It may be a good idea to keep the shared tasks iconfied, while not being used, to reduce clutter.

To exit from the settings dialog press the quit button.

Registration Benefits

If you have not already done so, please register by
sending $15.00 to:

Lekha,
1180 Lochinvar Ave Apt: 26,
Sunnyvale CA 94087.

Benefit of registration: Distribution royalty:

When you register you will be sent a copy of the program
that has a unique ID that is assigned to you. You may
then give copies of that disk to your friends. If they
register and mention your unique ID as the source, then
you will get a distribution royalty of $1.00 per registration

Exiting workspaces.

To exit workspaces double click on the control menu box
of the workspaces window.

You would normally do this when you are exiting windows.
You really have to do this only if you have made changes
to your settings.

On exiting, workspaces saves your settings. It then
makes any applications in the other workspaces visible.
The desktop pattern remains that of the current workspace
at the time you exit workspaces.

Starting workspaces

To start workspaces run the program wspace.exe

For example, if you are using the file manager
to start applications, double click on the
file name wspace.exe in the directory that
you installed in.

You would normally do this immediately after
starting windows.

On startup, workspaces will set the desktop
pattern to that of workspace 1.