CLIPBOX INSTRUCTIONS

INTRODUCTION

Clipbox is a small utility written in Visual Basic (thus VBRUN100.DLL is required to be in the path). Whenever a cut or copy is made to the Windows Clipboard, whatever was on the Clipboard is lost. Clipbox will allow you to grab what was on the Clipboard and either hold(GET BUTTON) on a stack (which can be saved from session to session) or saved(LOG BUTTON) in a log file. At any one time, eight different items, of 8K each, can be held on the Clipbox Stack. Any amount of the Clipboard can be appended to the log file. In addition, you can print what is currently on the Clipboard (no limit on this size) or edit the Clipboard contents. Currently, Clipbox supports only the Clipboard text mode.

Installation:
    Program Files:
        CLIPBOX.EXE   Program File
        CLIPBOX.HLP   Program Help File
        CLIPBOX.WRI   This manual

        VBRUN100.DLL   Required DLL, not supplied

    Installation:
        1- Copy the CLIPBOX.EXE and CLIPBOX.HLP files to your Windows Directory
        2- Add CLIPBOX to the Program Manager using the Files-New menu selection

Starting:

Clipbox can be started in one of two modes: Stack or Log. In the Stack Mode, the program runs with all the features as described in the rest of this help file. In the Stack mode, you CANNOT change the log file; it is fixed as windows\clipbox.log. If you Start in the Log Mode, only the log features are available. For further help on the Log Mode, go to the LOG MODE help section.

Clipbox (Stack Mode) consists of two ways to grab Clipboard data: the stack and the log. These are independent of each other. Items are put on the stack using the GET button, they are appended to the Clipbox.Log file using the LOG button. The stack can hold eight items from the Clipboard, each item max size is 8K. Any amount of data can be taken from the Clipboard and saved in the log file. The configuration and data held in the stack can be saved to disk (using the SAVE button). Data put in the log is automatically saved to disk. The Stack file is Windows\clipbox.dat. The Log file is Windows\Clipbox.log.

The program (when in the Stack Mode) consists of seven command buttons: GET, LOG, ?(Help), P(Print), E(Edit), S(Save), and X(Exit); plus one dropdown list box. The program was configured to be small, and flat, so that it can be left in corner of the screen and be available while working in other applications.

GET
Whenever you want to grab what is currently on the Clipboard and hold it in Clipbox, press the GET button. Only text can be stored in Clipbox. The maximum size of the block that can be held in Clipbox is 8k. When you press the Get button, the first 15 characters of the Clipboard are taken off and displayed in the Listbox as the title of the item. This facilitates using the data from Clipbox. This item is added to the top of the stack, as displayed in the listbox. A maximum of eight items can be held at any one time. After eight items are on the stack and a ninth item is grabbed from the Clipboard, Clipbox discards the last item in the list (it discards it forever, so if you want to use it, use it before you fill the stack). Items taken from the Clipboard using the GET button are NOT stored in the log file.

LOG
The LOG button grabs what is currently on the Clipboard and saves it in a file in the windows directory, Clipbox.log. This is a normal text file that can be edited using any editor, eg NOTEPAD. The LOG button takes what is on the Clipboard and appends it to the end of the log file. Before saving the file, a prompt will come up for the Subject of the entry. When the entry is written to the file, the date is written, the subject, and then the Clipboard text. If you leave the subject blank, only the data is appended to the file.

P-Print
Pressing this button prints whatever text is currently on the Clipboard. There is no limit, other than that imposed by Clipboard, on the amount of text that can be printed. Currently, Only text can be printed.

S-Save
Pressing the Save button saves the current Clipbox stack, along with all it's text, to a file (C:\ windows\clipbox.dat). This file is automatically loaded whenever the program starts up. If at the end of the day you have not disposed of the text in Clipbox, you can save it. When you next start Clipbox, that data will automatically be reloaded. If you have text in Clipbox you don't want to loose, then save it on disk. If you have a power failure, Windows 3.0 program bomb, etc or anything that would cause the loss of Clipbox data, then you would be able to restore the Clipbox by simply reloading the program.

E-Edit
Pressing the Edit Button. opens an edit box with the text currently on the Clipboard displayed in the edit box. The text can be edited using the normal Notepad-type editing controls. Using the three editing buttons at the bottom of the form, you can COPY portions to the CLipboard, CUT portions to the Clipboard, or PASTE the CLipboard at the current cursor location. The PASTE is useful with the Stack function in Clipbox. You can pick different items from the Clipbox stack and PASTE them into the edit box. When you are done, click the DONE button. The current contents of the edit box are put back on the Clipboard and the edit box is closed.

X-Exit
Closes down the program. This does NOT automatically save the stack data to disk, you must use the Save button to cause a file to be saved.

Stack
The dropdown list box, lists the titles of the items currently held in the Clipbox stack. A single mouse click on any item in the stack will copy the corresponding text to the Clipboard (of course removing whatever might of previously been on the Clipboard). From here the text can be pasted into another application, printed, or anything else that can be done with Clipboard text.

Log Mode
At program startup, if Log Mode is selected, the log file can (AND MUST) be specified. When running in the Log Mode, the program remains as an icon at the bottom of the screen with the specified log file as the caption. Whenever there is text on the Clipboard, double clicking the icon will first prompt for a subject and then add today's date, the subject and Clipboard text to the log file. If you do not want today's date and a subject written to the file, simply hit the <Enter> key leaving the subject field blank; in this case, only the Clipboard text will be written to the log file.

Using
If the only thing you want to do is to grab text from the Clipboard and save it to a file on disk, then run the program in the Log Mode. The Clipboard can be saved, when in the Log Mode, by simply double clicking the icon.

The stack is useful for grabbing multiple Clipboards and then using these to paste into another program. The log can be used to build a daily journal.

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