

GWS Camera for Windows

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The GWS Camera application will allow you to capture all or part of a Windows screen to a PCX file. It's easy to use and exceedingly fast. It will capture screens with up to 24 bits of colour and of any dimensions. You can capture the entire screen, the currently active window or just the client area thereof.

When it's running, GWS Camera will wait for a predefined combination of keys. You can choose from a list of key combinations to suit your requirements.

To use GWS Camera, install it in your desktop. Click on its icon You can configure it by selecting the Setup option of its system menu or by double clicking on its icon. This will get you to the setup box.

Note: Camera only works on systems which have a registered version of Graphic Workshop for Windows. You must run Graphic Workshop for Windows, enter your name and registration number into the Register dialog of Setup and quit Graphic Workshop prior to attempting to run Camera.

Here's what the items in the Setup box do:

File name

This defaults to SCREEN00.PCX. You can change this to use another name, and to include a path component if you like. If there are one or more digits at the end of the file name, they can be automatically incremented with each captured screen. See the Increment file name option, below.

Capture whole screen

Enable this box to capture the whole screen... seems pretty obvious, I know. If this box is not enabled, only the currently active window will be captured.

Client area only

If the Capture whole screen box is not enabled, enabling this box will capture only the client area of the currently active windows, that is, the part inside the borders and scroll bars.

Increment file name

If you have used a file name with one or more digits at the end of the name portion, enabling this box will cause GWS Camera to increment the digits with each captured screen.

Alternate PCX files

If you enable this box, GWS Camera will write sixteen-colour PCX files in an alternate format which is peculiar to Windows. This will result in PCX files which are exceedingly fast to read and write, and which will typically be a lot smaller than conventional PCX files for Windows screens. These PCX files can be read by Graphic Workshop and by Windows Paint, but not by much else. They certainly cannot be handled by DOS versions of PC Paintbrush. If you plan to use the PCX files created by GWS Camera with other application, do not enable this box.

Activation key

This list will allow you to select the combination of keys that will cause GWS Camera to capture a screen. Note that some applications will trap some of these key combinations for their own use. If you can't capture a screen in a particular Windows application, you may have to select another key

combination.

Time Delay

If this value is set to something greater than zero, GWS Camera will wait for the specified number of seconds before it captures your screen. It will beep once per second. This is useful for capturing menus that disappear as soon as you hit a key, or dialogs which trap all the key strokes that GWS Camera recognizes. You can tell GWS Camera to capture a screen and then get the menu or dialog in place before it goes off.

When you activate GWS Camera to capture a screen, it will beep and your cursor will turn into an hour glass while the capture file is being written. When the capture is complete, the cursor will resume its previous appearance and GWS Camera will beep again.

Note that with the exception of the file name, all the information in the Setup box will be saved when you select the Close item from the system menu of GWS Camera. Your setup choices will still be in place the next time you use GWS Camera. They're stored in a file called CAMERA.INI in your Windows directory.

Registration Name and Number

These fields will be filled in by Graphic Workshop's registration function.