OS/2 Warp Configuration Manager

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Description

A new feature of OS/2 is the ability to select the 'config.sys' file that will be used at boot time from the recovery menu. You may wish to do have different configuration files for a variety of reasons. If you have a memory constrained system (8MB these days) you may find that your machine will run a little more slowly if you have all the features of the Bonus Pack installed at once. You may want to use different config.sys files so that only the drivers you are going to use are loaded. Another situation when you may want different config.sys files is when you have a portable computer that is sometimes connected to a network or a docking station and sometimes its not.

I have found the multiple config.sys capability of Warp rather useful although laborious to setup and maintain. This then was the incentive for writing the program - to bring together and manage the files you need to maintain if you use multiple config.sys files. The program itself contains a fully functional editor with Find, Replace, Copy, Paste and printing and so is a good tool for editing config.sys files. The program automatically managers the .SCR and .CMD files. The program itself is a MS-Windows 3.1 program and will run under Warp provided you have installed the WIN-OS2 option. I recommend using the program in Windows Full Screen Mode rather than seamless. If there is sufficient interest I will produce a native OS/2 version - all registered users of the Windows version who have electronic mail will then receive the native OS/2 version for free.

Installation

Installation is extremely straightforward - simply copy the program file into the directory you will use it from and then using the windows file manager drag and drop the program exe file onto the program manager into the intended group - this will create a program icon for the program. If you don't have the file 'CTL3Dv2.DLL' in your windows\system directory then copy the one supplied in this archive.

Settings

You may alter both where the program looks for config.sys (the boot drive) and for the other files that control the startup menu - these are usually found on the boot drive in the subdirectory \os2\boot.

Use

The recovery menu

If you have not yet discovered the recovery menu there are two ways of bringing it up.

1. After selecting OS/2 from the boot manager (if you use it) you will see 'OS/2' in the top left of your screen while its still in text mode. Hit alt-f1 at this point and a few moments later you will see the recovery menu.
2. From the OS/2 Desktop Settings notebook choose the 'archive' tab and check the 'display recovery choices at each restart' option.

Adding to the Configuration List

Adding a new configuration

- Click on the Add Button in the configuration list dialog box. This will show you the Add dialog box. You can enter any description you like.
- Press tab to move the hot key edit control and enter a hot key. Some keys are reserved by OS/2 - you will not be able to use these and you will not be able to use a hot key that is already in use
- If you have want to create a config.sys based on the current config.sys then check the 'create from existing config.sys' control. If you know you already have a config.sys that relates to the new hot key then don't check this if you want to re-use it. If you do check it then any config file relating to

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the hotkey will be overwritten.

Using a previous configuration file

If you know you already have a config.sys that relates to the new hot key then don't check 'the create from existing config.sys' button. When the editor starts it will contain the old config file. If you do check this control then any config file relating to the hotkey will be overwritten

Deleting Items from the list

Select the item you want to delete from the startup menu and then press the delete key. The entry will then be removed. Although the item is removed from the startup menu any files relating to this configuration will be preserved for you to use again.

Updating an Item in the list

If you would like to change the description for an existing hotkey then select the description from the list you want to change and then edit the description. Press the update button to update the description in the list.

Editing a configuration file

Double click on the item in the list or select the item and press edit to start the editor that will allow you to edit a config.sys. Remember that config.sys file will not be used until you reboot the computer **and** select it from the recovery menu.

Disclaimer

I have made every attempt to ensure that this program works correctly. Much as I would like to - I cannot guarantee that it is bug free. I do not accept any responsibility for loss or damages financial, broken marriages or other caused through the use of this program.

Should you find a problem with the program please let me know and I will fix it.

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