Disk Copy

Why Use DC?

DC is designed to alleviate floppy swapping. Normally DC will be able to copy the entire diskette to memory. If there is not enough memory available for this, the remainder will be temporarily written to a hard/ram disk. In the case that the memory and disk space together are not sufficient, DC will attempt to do a multiple pass copy.

Temporary File Location

If the TMP environment variable is set, DC will look to write the file there, otherwise C:\ will be used.

Recommended Usage

The DC distribution disk comes with DC.GRP for use with Window's Program Manager. Install this group file and view the properties of the various program items. Although DC will allow multiple instances of itself, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU NOT WRITE ON MORE THAN ONE DISKETTE DRIVE AT A TIME. Having multiple instances in the idle state is perfectly acceptable.

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Command Line Syntax

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SYNTAX: DC [drive:] [options]

OPTIONS:

+[number] = number of copies desired (default is 1)

/0 or /1 = icon style value (default is 0)

/a (always) = always format destination diskette

/e (execute) = run without any additional user input

/f (if needed) = only format destination diskette if needed (default)

/i (icon) = minimize during execution

/n (never) = never format destination diskette

/p (pause) = do not close window on exit

/P (Pause) = do not close window on exit and restore if iconic

/v (verbose) = minimum display of progress

/V (Verbose) = maximum display of progress

/r (verify) = verify diskette is readable
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EXIT VALUE

- 0 no error
- 1 command line error
- 2 error during copy
- 4 user abort
- 8 DC PROGRAM NOT REGISTERED
- 16 DC program will not open
- 32 DC program corruption

Icon

When this option is selected, DC is reduced to an icon when disk copying is underway. The DC window will be restored if an error is encountered.

Pause

When this option is selected, DC will not close its window after the Disk Copying is completed. DC will automatically pause and restore an iconic window if the exit

value, as described in Command Line Syntax, is not 0 or if the pause and restore option is in effect.

Verbose

When this option is selected, DC will post additional information when disk copying is underway.

Verify

When this option is selected, DC verify that the diskette is readable after every write operation. SELECTING THIS OPTION WILL RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIALLY SLOWER DISK COPY.

Format Mode

Always

The destination diskette is always formatted to the same specifications as the source diskette.

If Needed

If the destination diskette is unformatted, it will be formatted to the same specifications as the source diskette. If the destination diskette is already formatted to different specifications than the source diskette, additional user input will be required.

Never

Unless the destination diskette is already formatted to the same specifications as the source diskette, the disk copy will terminate.

Other

OK

The parameters that were in effect before the Options box was selected are updated.

Cancel

The parameters that were in effect before the Options box was selected remain unchanged.

Execute

The disk copying will begin with the current options.

ABORT

The disk copying is halted.