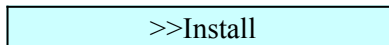*Version 16*

Introduction

WideOpen allows you to take advantage of many of the new features of Windows 95 without having to buy new versions of your existing 16-bit applications. In addition to long file names, you also get shortcuts, quick view, document icons, and many other features of Windows 95.

This document describes the features specific to the Word 6 version of WideOpen. For a full description of the registered versions of WideOpen for other applications, please see ORDER.DOC. (Note: Although the executable is called WIDEN14.EXE, this is version 1.6 of WideOpen.)

To learn what has changed relative to previous versions, please see the revision history at the end of this document.   The main new feature for version 1.6 is long names in document titlebars as well as in the open and save dialogs.
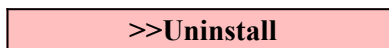
Installation

Double-click below to automatically install *WideOpen* for Word 6[1]*:*

>>Install

WideOpen dialogs should now be automatically used whenever you select Open, Save, or SaveAs from the menus or toolbar. (Try it!) One caveat: WideOpen has no control over the filenames that Word displays in menus, so these continue to display the short names.

Deinstallation

To uninstall *WideOpen* for Word 7, double-click below and close this document*:*

>>Uninstall

You can also uninstall WideOpen at any time by selecting "Tools | Macro" from the menu bar and double-clicking on WidenUninstall.

Special features for Word 6

The WideOpen dialogs are automatically used in response to both menubar and toolbar commands. In addition to long names in the open and save dialogs, WideOpen 1.6 also uses long names in the titlebars to documents. You may sometimes notice Word briefly display the short names before WideOpen has a chance to update them; this is to be expected. WideOpen has no control over the title displayed on the menus, so Word 6 will continue to use the short name.

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[1] If for some reason you want to install WideOpen on Word 7, please run the macro *WidenInstall32* rather than clicking on the button.

HINT: To temporarily use the normal Word 6 dialogs, hold down shift as you select the command. This is useful if you need a specific feature of the Word dialogs that is not supported by the WideOpen dialog, such as password protection.

Internationalizing and Customizing WideOpen *(for tech folk only)*

All of the WideOpen macros (WidenInstall, WidenUninstall, FileNew, FileOpen, FileClose, FileSaveAs, FileSave, DocClose, and WidenSaveAs) can be customized. This is particularly useful for non-English versions of Word.   Thanks to the users of WideOpen in a number of countries, WideOpen now directly supports the French, Italian, German, and Swedish versions of Word in addition to English. (I have not, however, been able to test this support, so please let me know if you have any problems.)

For languages other than the ones listed above, some file formats may be missing from FileSaveAs because I don't know the foreign translations of the format names. Please browse the WideOpen macros for instructions on what to customize for you language of choice.

Getting in Touch

Please send all comments and questions to *pbogle@lcs.mit.edu*.

Manual Installation and Deinstallation

If you running into any difficulties with automatic installation, it is simple to install WideOpen manually.   In particular, if you are using a non-English version of Word and you have customized the file menu, you may need to do a manual install.

To install WideOpen manually, just copy WIDEN14.EXE to your WINDOWS directory (or some other directory on your path) and all of the macros in WIDEN.DOT to NORMAL.DOT, translating the English names of the macros to the equivalent in the language used in your version fof Word.

Finally, in the "[Microsoft Word]" section of WINWORD6.INI in your Windows directory, add a line that says "DDETimeOut=999". Exit and restart Word and WideOpen functionality should be fully enabled.

To manually uninstall Word, either run the WidenUninstall macro or select Tools | Macro, click on each of the following macro names and click delete: FileNew, FileOpen, FileSaveAs, FileClose, DocClose, and WidenSaveAs.

Revision History

1.6   Changed document windows titles to reflect the true long name of a document. (Documents with short names retain their old title.)

1.57   Added support for Swedish; added more file formats for the SaveAs dialog for unknown languages; added support for the full set of file types for French.

1.56   Fixed bug that prevented automatic install from working in non-English versions of Word. Improved instructions on manual installation. Fixed a bug that occurred if a section of text in a non-English version of Word was formatted as English. Fixed clearing of document dirty flag if Save operations is canceled during a document close.

1.5   Fixed menu-flashing bug that occurred when the user took longer than 60 seconds to

select a file. Added support for French and Italian. Added DocClose and FileClose macros to use WideOpen dialogs when closing a document using the close button on the title bar. Fixed a bug that closed a document without saving it if the user select close and save changes and then cancel.

1.4   Made the default SaveAs filename identical to the actual long name of the document file. Made the default SaveAs format identical to the actual format. Made FileClose use FileSave instead of FileSaveAs. Made overwriting of already existing files using behavior correctly. Fixed a bug that prevented SaveAs from working in many cases. Gave the Widen executable a distinct name and DDE topic to prevent confusion with earlier versions.

1.3   Fixed the alignment of the WideOpen window with the application window. Prevented WideOpen from always returning to the default document directory after every file operation. Added default file-name in SaveAs dialog. Set document title property to be the long filename. Added shift-key disabling of WideOpen dialogs. Fixed a bug that prevented WideOpen from working with non-English versions of Word.

1.2   Increased performance on "underpowered" machines by making WideOpen a DDE server. (There will be a slight delay the first time the program is used; after that dialogs should pop up very quickly.) Modified the install program to work with international versions of Word.   Fixed a bug that prevented saving a file under a different format than the one it was opened in. Added additional save and open formats. Fixed a bug which made the Open and Save dialogs always on top of other windows.

1.1:   Added informative dialog boxes if WIDEN14.EXE is not found where it should have been installed. Fixed a synchronization bug that occasionally caused FileOpen to do nothing. Made the installation and deinstallation macros more robust. Renamed to WideOpen from Widen. Fixed a few typos.

1.0:   Initial version of WideOpen