Preferences

As you have probably gathered from the rest of this Guide, "Remember?" allows you to change many aspects of its appearance and behavior. You do this from the Preferences dialog accessible by selecting Preferences... from the Remember? menu.

the Preferences dialog

1) Current Set pop-up menu
There are lots of preferences. To save your sanity, they are divided into sets of related items. The name of the current set is displayed here. Click on it to select a different set.

(2) Preference list
The preferences for the current set. Divider lines are group related items. Click on the description of a preference to view or change its setting, or use the UP/DOWN arrow keys to step through the list.

(3) Full Description
Detailed description of the preference item you clicked.

(4) Preference Setting
The current setting for the selected item. The exact contents depend on the kind of item: Yes/No, text styles, colors, numbers and others. Be careful when entering numeric values. You may get strange behavior if you enter values outside the suggested range.

(5) More/Fewer Choices
Some of the more obscure preferences do not appear in the list. Click the

[More Choices] button to see them. Click [Fewer Choices] to return to the abbreviated list.

(6) Exit buttons
Click OK to end the dialog and save your changes, or Cancel to discard them (Cancel is disabled until you make a change.)

Changes take effect when you exit the Preference dialog. Some changes won't take effect until the next time you access "Remember?".

Where the Prefs Are (Remember's Settings)
Preferences are stored in a file named "Remember's Settings". It also contains your Occasion Type definitions and the active Occasion File list. The Settings file is created by the desk accessory in the Preferences folder inside the System Folder (or in the System Folder itself for System 6 users.)

Backing Up
Before making extensive changes or experimenting with Preferences you should use the Finder to make a copy of the Settings file in a safe place. If you really munge things up or if a nasty neighbor changes your default text style to white text on a white background, just replace the current Settings file with the backup copy and you are back in business.

Make a backup copy of your important Occasion files while you are at it, just to humor me.

Copying Settings to Other Macs
You can copy the Settings file to other Macs. All settings will be carried along with one possible and one probably exception.

The possible exception is the fonts you have selected. They are identified by an internal number rather than by name, and it is possible that different Macs will use different numbers. Just change the appropriate text styles after copying.

The probable exception is the active occasion file list. It is saved in a format that is very dependent on the exact structure of your hard drive. When you open "Remember?" from a copy of the settings file, you will probably be greeted by the "Cannot find occasion file XX..." message. Select 'Yes' and locate them if the list is the same as the other Mac. Otherwise, select 'No' and use Occasion Files to re-build your list of files.

the Text Style dialog
This is the standard dialog to change text styles in "Remember?". The four basic parts of a text style are the font, size, style and color. Only the first

three are available on Macs without color. A few styles provide only one or two of the parts.

Each part of a style has a checkbox. Turn on the box if you want to change that part of the style. Unchecked items inherit their value from some other style, generally the Standard Text Style. The sample text area takes this into consideration.

(1) Sample text
Displays a preview of the text style against an appropriate background color.

(2) Font menu
Select a font family from those installed in your Fonts folder (or in the System file for System 6 users.)

(3) Size menu
Choose the height of the font from a set of standard sizes or any size from 1 through 255 points with the Other sub-menu. Sizes optimized for the screen are outlined. Your windows look better if you stick with outlined sizes.

(4) Style boxes
Each box applies one of the standard Mac face attributes when checked. Turn off all six boxes to display the style in Plain face. Turn off the Style box to use the inherited face style.

(5) Color selector
Click this button to use the standard Apple color picker to select a color. This is obviously not available on Macs without color.

You may not get the exact color you chose if your screen displays only 16 or 256 colors. Instead, you get something the OS considers reasonably close. You can force the system to use the exact color using a Preference item, but you will notice the screen flash different colors when you start "Remember?" as screen colors are 'borrowed' from other applications. This is not an issue if your screen displays thousands or millions of colors.

(6) Exit buttons
Click OK to accept the new style, or Cancel to discard your changes.