

Re: selection bug

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JE McGimpsey <jemcgimpsey@mvps.org> wrote:

- > In article <1gfxgd.16jfhiz1j389aeN@matt@tidbits.com>,
- > matt@tidbits.com (matt neuburg) wrote:
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- > > I think you're missing the point, but that's okay. m.
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- > Well, I tried 35 or so times using your procedure, with the "When
- > selecting, select entire word" checkbox checked, and the entire sentence
- > was selected every time.
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- > The only way I can replicate the behavior you cite is to have the
- > checkbox unchecked. When it is unchecked, the behavior is exactly as you
- > describe, including the momentary selection of the entire word
- > "defenestration", then the collapse of the selection back to the
- > insertion point.
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- > I get **exactly** the same results in Word 98, Word 2001, and Word v.X.
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- > Rather than being a bug in Word 2004, selection under the scenario you
- > present is consistent with both the Preferences and previous version's
- > behavior.
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- > Was there a different point you were trying to make?

Shift clicking is supposed to mean "extend the selection by the same kind of unit that formed the initial selection." For example, command-click to select a sentence, then shift-click in the next sentence: the **whole** sentence is selected. That's because you are now selecting by sentence, and shift-clicking extends by sentence. Similarly, triple-click to select a paragraph, then shift-click in the next paragraph: the **whole** paragraph is selected. That's because you are now selecting by paragraph, and shift-clicking extends by paragraph.

Selection by word should work the same way. This should not depend upon the "select entire word" setting. Double-click means select a word, and now shift-clicking in a later word should select that entire word, by analogy with the above.

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If previous versions behaved the same way, then they had the same bug.
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