

## Re: selection bug

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JE McGimpsey <[jemcgimpsey@mvps.org](mailto:jemcgimpsey@mvps.org)> wrote:

> In article <[1gfxnub.ua7i9pc249xuN@matt@tidbits.com](mailto:1gfxnub.ua7i9pc249xuN@matt@tidbits.com)>,  
> [matt@tidbits.com](mailto:matt@tidbits.com) (matt neuburg) wrote:  
>  
>> 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.  
>>  
>> If previous versions behaved the same way, then they had the same bug.  
>> m.  
>>  
> OK. I was evaluating the behavior based on your previous (incorrect)  
> assertion:  
>  
>> In Word X and before, this would select all of "defenstration".

Sorry for misremembering.

>  
> I'll agree that most Apple apps follow the behavior above

It's really just a question of internal consistency though.

You do know about the double-click-drag selection bug in Word 2004,  
right? That one is definitely a bug. m.

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