

Re: Anyway to make a paste special unformatted text single key stroke?

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We'd need to see more consistent use of those shortcuts across the industry in order to consider this. Eudora as the only example is not good enough. And Eudora is also not a good application to take UI cues from (this comes from the author of the app itself).

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On 3/21/05 3:44 PM, in article 2005032200445716807%nospam@nospamcom, "Tony" <nospam@nospam.com> wrote:

> *Clive,*
>
> *I basically agree with you.*
>
> *But I just wonder how many people really need the menu options and*
> *keyboard shortcuts to copy and paste unformatted text... because for me*
> *that is absolutely essential.*
>
> *Why?*
>
> *Because I use it hundreds of times every day. Because I work with*
> *documents in which I am constantly copying and pasting text from/to*
> *many different sources, including web pages, PDF files, emails, etc.*
>
> *On the other hand the proposed keyboard shortcuts are not because they*
> *are easy or difficult; it is just because they are standard in other*
> *applications (as an example, you can check out Eudora mail):*
>
> *Shift Command C to copy unformatted text.*
> *Shift Command V to paste unformatted text.*
>
> *Regards,*
>

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> On 2005-03-21 23:34:08 +0100, Clive Huggan
> <REMOVETHISoffice@ANDTHISstrategists.com.au> said:
>
>> Hello Tony,
>>
>> I've been following your post with some interest.
>>
>> I don't hold a torch for Microsoft, but from the things I observe here and
>> elsewhere, there are features that squillions of people hold dear and want
>> to see in Word "out of the box". Some of these people are even as
>> passionate as you about their wishes! (Don't take that at all negatively --
>> there isn't enough passion around!)
>>
>> I get the impression that Microsoft carefully analyses the needs of the
>> majority of users (who use Word as a typewriter; Word comes with their job;
>> and they want to know the minimum to produce work required by their boss
>> without having to delve into this and that). Then, for reasons I can only
>> guess at, including historic motivations to throttle every competing product
>> on the market (a motivation of the free enterprise system that has given us
>> unprecedented prosperity, despite its well-known downsides), they have added
>> additional functionality.
>>
>> The key to some of this extra functionality is that if a user is prepared to
>> take time to learn to apply configurations he/she prefers, some wonderful
>> results can ensue. I find that in some of my work the improvement in
>> efficiency, hence income, is 20%. That's why I appreciate that Word can be
>> configured so extensively.
>>
>> However, if Microsoft responded to everybody's requests for "extras" in the
>> out-of-the-box configuration, the product would be more daunting than at
>> present. And I think that would be a major problem.
>>
>> In my experience of "ordinary" (but intelligent) users in my [non-IT]
>> consulting work, they never have a need to paste unformatted text. Even if
>> they did, most would not want default keyboard shortcuts (PC users of Word,
>> for example, don't use keyboard shortcuts nearly as much as Mac users do).
>>
>> I use this facility frequently in my work, but I would not want the keyboard
>> shortcuts you propose -- they aren't as easy on the fingers as others, and I
>> can't see the point of having a "copy unformatted text", since Command-c is
>> all that's required.
>>
>> So the moral is (only IMHO) that once you learn how to configure Word, you
>> can apply what you want, not what an analysis of innumerable out-of-the-box
>> users has produced. It's empowerment, in its own small way.
>>
>> BTW, you don't have to re-do your configurations when you upgrade or
>> re-install Word (with a couple of very minor exceptions).
>>
>> <end rant>

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>> <Anyone still there? No? Well, it felt good while I was doing it. Now I
>> must go back to earning a living.>
>>
>> As to John's "power" that you attribute, I'll leave that to him... ;-)
>>
>>
>> Cheers,
>>
>> Clive Huggan Canberra, Australia
>> (My time zone is at least 5 hours different from the US and Europe, so my
>> follow-on responses to those regions can be delayed)
>> =====
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>>
>> On 22/3/05 12:34 AM, in article 2005032114340850073%*nospam@nospamcom*, "Tony"
>> <*nospam@nospam.com*> wrote:
>>
>>> John,
>>>
>>> Thanks. I did indeed...
>>>
>>> But I just wanted to suggest a way to have it standard from the
>>> manufacturer now and always. If you do it yourself customizing Word,
>>> that is OK for the moment, but when you re-install on the same or other
>>> Mac, or when new versions come out, you must re-do things. That is the
>>> way I see things.
>>>
>>> I do not know about other people, but I use the special paste as simple
>>> text hundreds of times every day! So a standard menu and command for it
>>> would be nice:
>>>
>>>>>> Shift Comman C to copy unformatted text.
>>>>>> Shift Comman V to paste unformatted text.
>>>
>>> And I tell you that because I know you have "power" on Microsoft
>>> development policies, so if I could "convince" you I am quite sure that
>>> it would be implemented...
>>>
>>> :-)
>>>
>>> Regards,
>>>
>>> ----
>>> On 2005-03-21 10:43:49 +0100, "John McGhie [MVP - Word and Word
>>> Macintosh]" <*john@mcghie.name*> said:
>>>
>>>> They have -- it's up to you to read the Help :-)
>>>>
>>>> You can put anything you like on the menus, or keyboard commands.

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>>>>
>>>> *However, if you had thought a minute about what I wrote in my response, you*
>>>> *may have understood that it does both.*
>>>>
>>>> *That is the Users helping other Users way.*
>>>>
>>>> *On 20/3/05 04:00, in article 2005031918001243658%nospam@nospamcom, "Tony"*
>>>> *<nospam@nospam.com> wrote:*
>>>>
>>>>> *John,*
>>>>>
>>>>> *Thanks.*
>>>>>
>>>>> *It would be good if Microsoft could implement it also as keyboard*
>>>>> *commands and as menu options.*
>>>>>
>>>>> *That is the Mac way.*
>>>>>
>>>>> *---*
>>>>> *On 2005-03-19 12:56:23 +0100, "John McGhie [MVP - Word and Word*
>>>>> *Macintosh]" <john@mcghie.name> said:*
>>>>>
>>>>>> *Hi Tony:*
>>>>>>
>>>>>> *That's exactly what I use (I normally use the INSERT key to paste as*
>>>>>> *Formatted, and Command + V to paste as unformatted).*
>>>>>>
>>>>>> *Copy Robert's macro, put it in your Normal template, and name it*
>>>>>> *EditPaste.*
>>>>>> *Most Word "commands" are actually macros. If you have a macro of the*
>>>>>> *same*
>>>>>> *name, its functionality replaces the command.*
>>>>>>
>>>>>> *I actually use two macros:*
>>>>>>
>>>>>>> *Sub EditPaste()*
>>>>>>> *On Error GoTo notAvailable*
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> *Selection.PasteSpecial Link:=False, DataType:=20*
>>>>>>> *End*
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> *notAvailable:*
>>>>>>> *Selection.Paste*
>>>>>>> *End Sub*
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> *Sub EditPasteFormatted()*
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> *Selection.Paste*
>>>>>>>> *End Sub*
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>

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>>>>> *The first macro uses a very crude "On Error" method of trapping the*
>>>>> *condition where "plain text" is not one of the formats available on the*
>>>>> *clipboard. It's crude, but it works: and saves you having to*
>>>>> *successively*
>>>>> *try each option to find out what the hell *is* on the clipboard.*
>>>>>
>>>>> *VBA does not have a way to examine the clipboard to see what actually is*
>>>>> *there. There is usually a selection of formats (can be five or six,*
>>>>> *depending on the application you copied from). This can be a little*
>>>>> *character building, because the "data" is not actually ON the clipboard*
>>>>> *of*
>>>>> *the source application is still open. There's just a pointer to it, and*
>>>>> *the*
>>>>> *source application then produces the data to the clipboard in the format*
>>>>> *you*
>>>>> *request when you ask for it.*
>>>>>
>>>>> *Cheers*
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>> *On 15/3/05 05:16, in article 2005031419163416807%nospam@nospamcom, "Tony"*
>>>>> *<nospam@nospam.com> wrote:*
>>>>>
>>>>>> *Hi,*
>>>>>>
>>>>>> *The best would be a keyboard shortcut:*
>>>>>>
>>>>>> *Shift Comman C to copy unformatted text.*
>>>>>> *Shift Comman V to paste unformatted text.*
>>>>>>
>>>>>> *As appliations like Eudora 6 do.*
>>>>>>
>>>>>> *---*
>>>>>>
>>>>>> *On 2005-03-14 16:15:24 +0100, matt@tidbits.com (matt neuburg) said:*
>>>>>>
>>>>>>> *Robert M. Lewis <SPAMFREElewis@SPAMmun.caFREE> wrote:*
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> *On 11/3/05 2:02 PM, in article*
>>>>>>>> *1gt9697.p4tjra17sxa5kN%matt@tidbits.com,*
>>>>>>>> *"matt neuburg" <matt@tidbits.com> wrote:*
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> *When I paste special it is virtually always unformatted text. I have*
>>>>>>>>> *tried through customization (but it is not an option there) and*
>>>>>>>>> *macros*
>>>>>>>>> *(they don't work, they just paste with all the formatting as well)*
>>>>>>>>> *to*
>>>>>>>>> *make a single key stroke, e.g., shift-command v, to paste text only?*
>>>>>>>>> *Entourage actually allows you to, so it is odd that Word doesn't.*
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> *BTW, the macro as I recorded it is:*

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>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> Sub Pastetext()
>>>>>>>>>> '
>>>>>>>>>> ' Pastetext Macro
>>>>>>>>>> ' Macro recorded 10/3/05 by Robert M. Lewis
>>>>>>>>>> '
>>>>>>>>>> Selection.PasteSpecial Link:=False, DataType:=wdPasteText,
>>>>>>>>>> Placement:= _ wdInLine, DisplayAsIcon:=False
>>>>>>>>>> End Sub
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> That can be shortened, but yes, that's exactly how I do it. Works
>>>>>>>>>> fine.
>>>>>>>>>> What's the problem you're having? m.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> It doesn't paste unformatted text, the text is formatted.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> What if you choose Paste Special > Unformatted? Does that give a
>>>>>>>>>> different result from what this macro gives, when copying the same
>>>>>>>>>> material from the same source? m.
>
>
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