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Let me guess, you're of those folks that lifts the pile of paper and slips the the new sheet under everything!

DawnTreader wrote:

Hello

all i can say is wow. how could i have been so blind, of course my idea would make it too complex...

i think we are already beyond too complex. all of the programs you use on a computer are far beyond simple. besides, simple is what i am talking about.

last in, first out. hmmm that isnt complex eh? and here is something to think about, so what if computers and programmers and geeks have been thinking LIFO? i dont think in LIFO. microsoft can change this, there is no way you can tell me that changing this behaviour of the clipboard is beyond thier capabilities. just because it has been that way for a long time doesnt mean that it shouldnt change.

if that were true then we wouldnt have any of the technological marvels that we do.

"Bob I" wrote:

Add one more option to to the pile for people to change inadvertently and then get confused about how it works? Good idea? Computers are only storing what we input. And then stuff fails. Needless complexity only serves to waste time and money.

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Would you buy a fork with tines on both ends of the handle? Good idea because you could eat using either end? NOT!

DawnTreader wrote:

Well it is time that computers learn to do it the human way. :P

i understand the principle, although i had never realized that this is why the clipboard did it, but this is human interaction we are talking about here. if microsoft wants me to "like" a feature they should surely look at the way i interact with it. at this point i dont interact with it a whole lot because i dont like thinking like a machine.

why should i adjust anything? this is a computer we are talking about, a piece of software designed for one reason, to do my bidding.

thanks for the response! and remember this is a suggestion, do you agree that this suggestion is a good one? :)

"Bob I" wrote:

The process is referred to as LIFO, (Last in first out) used for decades to place items on a "computer stack" and subsequently remove them, and works very well for those who use stacks for info bits. You use the same process in UNDO and REDO. Now that you know how and why it works so well,

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perhaps you may adjust your method of selection to afford the "pasting style" that you prefer.

DawnTreader wrote:

so today i was  
teaching things  
about power point  
to my students in  
my business  
administration  
class and realised  
just how much i  
hate the office  
clipboard and why.

when i select 3  
bits to copy and  
paste into a  
document but in the  
order that i chose  
them, i have to  
start at the bottom  
of the clipboard  
and paste them in  
one at a time in  
from the bottom up.  
it would be so much  
simpler to be able  
to choose them and  
then hit the paste  
all.

why do i have to  
one at a time?  
because the order  
that i copy in is  
the reverse of what  
they would be  
pasted in because  
of the behaviour of  
the clipboard.  
either i have to  
plan the order of  
my copying so that

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the top to bottom  
order of the pieces  
on the clipboard  
are in the order i  
want them in or i  
have to start  
pasting in one at a  
time from bottom to  
top. that is a  
waste of my time  
either way.

i want to select  
multiple items and  
then paste them  
with the paste all  
and leave it at  
that.

so the first  
suggestion is to  
make the items come  
in and stay in the  
order

from top to bottom  
as you choose them,  
basically exactly  
the reverse of what

it does right now.

the other  
suggestion is to  
make it so you can  
click and drag to  
rearrange the order  
of the clipboard  
itself and make it  
easy to paste in  
the order that you  
need.

thanks for listening!

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