

Re: Width of Command Prompt (DOS) EDIT Window ??

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Hello;

I probably mis-spoke ... my apologies!

My question was not related to how many characters per line one can have in a DOS application, but rather how one can change the physical dimensions of the Command Prompt - Edit window.

I fully understand that the dimensions of the Edit window in cm/inch mean nothing, but I thought by providing such info. together with the "Defaults" and "Properties" values, you (the experts) would be able to determine why I could not increase the current width of the Edit window, so that I may be able to view more of the displayed line without moving the cursor to the end of the line and back again!

Where would I enter the command ??:

.....MODE CON COLS = 100

At the prompt?? and Is it a Global adjustment or Local one for a specific Dos application ??

Thank you.

"mhc" wrote:

RobertVA wrote:

monir wrote:

Hello;

I've been trying for sometime now to adjust the width of the command prompt Edit window without success. (MS-DOS

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Editor Version
2.0.026, Win XP Home).

I could only reduce the width of the edit window by, for example, manually dragging the right or left sides of the window inward, but not outward to increase the width !! The same for the height of the Edit window. It could only be reduced by dragging the upper or lower edge inward !!

By Right-clicking the title bar (the one above the command prompt menu bar) on the Edit window, a dropdown sub menu appears with a number of options including "Defaults" and "Properties". Selecting "Defaults" displays:Console Windows Properties ::

Layout tabScreen Buffer Size
.....Width 100
.....Height 300
.....Window Size
.....Width 100
.....Height 40 and selecting

"Properties" displays:Command Prompt Properties ::

Layout tabScreen Buffer Size
.....Width 80
.....Height 43
.....Window Size
.....Width 80
.....Height 43

The above values correspond to the Command Prompt-Edit window of:
width ~ 14.5 cm and height ~ 14 cm, on a 17" monitor.

I've tried numerous values & combinations for the above display dimensions without achieving the desired results.

Q.: How can I increase the current width of the Edit window by, say, 1 inch (2.5 cm or so?? ... so that I may be able to review the contents of the Edit window without repeatedly moving the cursor to the end/start of each line ??

Thank you kindly for your help.

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Wouldn't do any good anyway, since the application is coded for 80 columns. This is one situation where the mock GUI is actually a handicap, since it has to bypass the computer's BIOS console text code. You really shouldn't expect such sophistication from a DOS 5.0 application that is something like 15 years old. If you want more characters on a line try Notepad.

The MS-DOS editor shipped with Windows XP is MUCH faster than Notepad for find/replace operations, so I can understand why someone would want to use it.

If you set up the command prompt to run in a window, you can adjust the width of the screen with the MODE command. For example:

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MODE CON COLS=100
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will make the screen wider. Remember, DOS is character-based, so measurements such as centimeters and pixels mean absolutely nothing.

Another way to use more of the screen is to select a different screen font and use a larger font size. Again, since DOS is character-based, you MUST use a fixed-pitch font such as Lucida Console.

Hope this helps.