

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

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it must be hardcoded to use an 80 column width
ms-dos editor is 11 years old, i can't see getting around that
if i try to manually change the column width with edit running it doesn't
work
seems to be the same behaviour with edlin

"monir" <monir@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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mhc, seth;

a) Either typing the command:

MODE CON COLS=100

or

b) modifying the command line in the command prompt shortcut to read:

`%SystemRoot%\system32\cmd.exe /k mode con cols=100`

would ONLY change the width of the Command Prompt window, which, as you know, could easily be adjusted via the "Command Prompt" Properties in its sub-menu, with no problem!

The difficulty is related to the Command Prompt - Edit window. Neither of the above a) or b) had any effect on the width of the Edit window. The latter appears to be stuck at 80x43 and would not budge, either for the Current Window Only, or for the Short Cut that Started This Window.

Any suggestions ? Thank you.

"seth" wrote:

or you could modify your command prompt shortcut to use the /k switch
your command line in your shortcut would read:

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%SystemRoot%\system32\cmd.exe /k mode con cols=100

"mhc" <mhc@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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monir wrote:

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:

The MS-DOS editor

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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.

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You would type in the MODE command at the command prompt. But it will be required every time you start the CMD.EXE application. For a listing of available MODE commands, type `MODE /?` at the command prompt.

You can adjust the global row/column settings through the registry, and the change will be permanent. You will need to know the

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(long) user
number that Windows has assigned to your account, it will
be something
like S-1-5-21-62528899-249784358-1063493457-1004.
Then go to the
following registry key:

HKEY_USERS\S-1-5-21-(lots of numbers)\Console

and change the value WindowSize to reflect, in hexadecimal,
the number
of rows and columns you want. If yours is currently 80x43,
the value
should be listed as 002B0050. Change it to 002B0064 for a
100x43
screen.