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"Beth Melton" wrote:

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"Beth Melton" wrote:

I'm not exactly sure what you mean by some of the terminology you are using or which version of Word you are referring to. If Word 2007 then:

yes office 12 (2007)

By 'shy one' I think you mean the Mini toolbar? The one that displays with formatting tools when you select text or right-click text?

I am referring to the shy toolbar. it appears above a word when you hover. it is transparent until you mouse over it. it has been called the shy tool bar in the past. it provides basic formatting commands

I'm not sure where you heard it was called "shy toolbar" – maybe in another application? It was called Floatie, then Mini-bar, and now Mini toolbar.

If you think about it, the concept of the Mini toolbar is to provide a 'clickless' command. If you had to right-click, then click again, and

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then click the command you wanted then essentially, you'd have a shortcut menu with a submenu and it would take three clicks to get to the command you want. (Personally it gets in my way so I turned it off.)

Did you read what I wrote carefully?

By the "design tab" I'm not sure what you mean there either.  
There  
are  
a few contextual tabs, such as the Design tab for Table tools.  
Is  
that  
what you are referring to?

yes. I do not like them mixed with the non contextual ones.

They aren't mixed – they already appear on the right. I think I know what you want by 'far right' but this would be quite difficult since the 'far right' depends on screen resolution and monitor size. Not to mention I'm sure those using a dual monitor would like having to travel to the far right of their second screen just to get to a contextual menu.

This needs to be tested in the various high contrast modes.

The way you can tell it is a contextual tab is the color change along with the flag that appears in the title bar.

By the 'side bar' I think you mean the Task Pane that displays  
for  
Styles, ClipArt, Research, etc. Is that what you mean?

yes.

The F6 command will put the task pane in focus.

Ah all I knew was that alt-f1 focussed the help pane.

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Each of the objects you are referring to serve its own function – I couldn't begin to envision them being consolidated into one object. They already consolidated the toolbars and menu bar into a horizontal menu/toolbar and called it a Ribbon and that's been hard enough to adapt to...

Please post all follow-up questions to the newsgroup. Requests for assistance by email can not be acknowledged.

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I think that there are too many context  
menus (5 of them)

- 1 the right click one
- 2 the shy one
- 3 the alt shift f10 one
- 4 the design tab
- 5 the side bar

sugested fixes.

merge the right click and alt-shift-f10  
menus

put an arrow pointing up on the right click  
context menue that  
would  
"slide"  
out the shy menue. and a down arrow on the  
shy menue to get the  
right click  
one

make the design menue blue and all the way  
to the right so I know  
it  
is

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contextual and will know it is different (or  
some cue like that)

I don't know how to fix the sidebar (always  
didn't understand  
it  
(I am a  
keyboard only user so I can't really play with  
it much (the  
accessibility  
code on it needs some cleaning up (at least  
in office 2003))))

thankyou for reading. love most of the  
changes. it is much  
better  
from a  
keyboard standpoint.