

# Setting ClipDragon Preferences

ClipDragon Preferences are accessed by selecting "Preferences..." from ClipDragon's File menu.

## GENERAL PREFERENCES

### "Generate Text Files As" Pop-Up Menu

This option allows you to define the format that clippings will be converted to. There is a selection of four popular packages as well as the option to define your own! It should be noted that not all applications support styled text in the manner that clippings allow.

### "Generate Picture File As" Pop-Up Menu

This option is very similar to the previous, but for Picture documents. Not all applications support Color Look-up Table ('clut') resources. As with Text files, experiment with your favorite package.

### "Use ClipDragon Icons On Clippings" Check Box

This option is specific to MacOS 8! If set, clippings that have been created with ClipDragon will be identified by their own icons. Clippings will continue to display the default icons in System 7 unless replaced with custom icons. ClipDragon icons appear as below:

### "Remove Unnecessary Resources" Check Box

Many programs create extra information in files to aid in the formatting of information and windows when opened from that application. These "Resources" are rarely required for the document contents to remain intact. This option allows you to dispose of excess resources resulting in reduced clipping sizes.

### "Retain Color Lookup Tables" Check Box

Some paint programs store a copy of the picture's Color Table ('clut') in the resource fork. Since this information is stored in the picture itself, this resource is rarely required. Turning this checkbox off removes these resources.

### "Retain Picture Header" Check Box

Many paint programs store private information in a 512 character "Header" space in picture files. This information is rarely of any importance to the picture being displayed. This option allows you to save this information in the clipping file to be restored if converted back to a

picture file. Header information in a clipping is only used by ClipDragon.

#### “Move Original To Trash” Check Box

This option tells ClipDragon to move the original document to the Trash after a conversion is complete. By default, the original document is permanently deleted.

### WINDOWS PREFERENCES

#### “Default Font” Pop-Up Menu

Use this menu to select the default font from all fonts currently available on your system. The default font, if set, will be used when converting a Text document or Clipping file that does not contain style information. If “System Default” is selected, no style information will be created.

Clippings without style information display in the System Default font from Finder (Usually Geneva 10pt). Most applications have their own default font. SimpleText uses Geneva 12pt.

#### “Size” Pop-Up Menu

Use this menu to select the Default Font’s size in points. This option is only available if a font other than “System Default” is selected.

#### “Set Clip Window Size” Pop-Up Menu

Use this menu to adjust the size of clipping windows to differ from the default window that System 7.x offers. There are three preset sizes available as well as an option to define your own size. You can make your own choice in inches or pixels by selecting “Custom Size...” The selection “Current Selection” will reflect any custom size currently set. Setting the clipping’s window size also makes available the remaining window options, allowing you to make other changes to the final appearance of the clipping’s window.

#### “Set Clip Window Type To” Pop-Up Menu

If the Window Size has been previously set to other than the Default size, you may use this menu to select from three window types:

##### Standard Window

The window type used in most Finder windows.

##### Alternate Window

In System 7, the black, rounded corners window used in Apple Menu

Utilities (DAs).

In MacOS 8, any of a selection of Dialog or Alert type windows.

##### Windoid (Top or Side Bar)

Also called a “Utility Window.” This is the window used for palettes in

many

applications. The side bar version does not contain a title.

Some window types have certain limitations. The Standard window can have either or both a Zoom button and Grow corner. Both can be turned on or off by setting the appropriate check box. The DA window, in System 7 cannot support either, but allows the curve of the windows corners to be adjusted. The Dialog windows in MacOS 8 also does not support either Grow or Zoom, but can have any of five appearances. Finally, the Windoid windows only allow the Grow box to appear in MacOS 8, while the Zoom button will work in either System 7 or MacOS 8.

Be careful if you use the Side Bar version of the Windoid windows! If the Zoom button is enabled and used on the resulting clipping file in System 7, you will not be able to reduce the size of the resulting window! (It expands off the screen!)

#### “Autosize Picture Clippings” Check Box

If the Window Size has been previously set to other than the Default size, setting this option will cause windows to be automatically adjusted to fit any picture (Smaller than your primary screen.) being converted. If turned off, pictures will be justified to the upper-right corner of the clipping’s window.

### ICON CLIP PREFERENCES

The third dialog allows you to make changes to the process of converting Icon Folders into Clippings! This is not a normal feature of Apple’s Clipping Manager. I created this one! It allows you to drag an empty folder with an icon attached on ClipDragon and convert it into a clipping file. The resulting clipping can either contain a textual description, a copyright notice, a larger picture, or even a sound message! If you place a text, picture or sound file named “Comment” in the otherwise empty folder, the contents of that document will be used in the resulting clipping file. Note, the Comment file may be either a Document or Clipping file.

#### “Add ‘cicn’ Resource” Check Box

A ‘cicn’ (Color ICoN) is another icon definition used for displaying icons in many programs.

These can be a real hassle to create and use when you want them! Use this feature only if you intend to use the ‘cicn’ resources elsewhere or distribute it with your icon. Color Icons (‘cicn’) are created directly from the 256 color and black and white icons and can be viewed directly in ResEdit.

#### “Remove 16 Color Icon” Check Box

When an icon family is created, three sets of icons are made. They are Black and White, 16 color, and 256 color. Few modern Macs use the 16 color screen mode anymore, so the 16 color

version of the icon usually just takes up space. Also, the 16 color version of the icon is frequently a very poor imitation of the original custom icon! For these reasons, I have given you the option to remove them!

#### “Add Text Comment” Check Box

This option is only used if the icon folder does not contain a document with the name “Comment.”

It will place the text you define in the Default Comment box into icon clipping files. This text is

limited to 512 characters and will use the default font as set in the Windows preferences.

#### “Add Picture Preview” Check Box

This option will create a picture preview of the icon in the resulting clipping file. If there is no

Text Comment or enclosed “Comment” file, this preview will be displayed when the clipping is

opened from Finder or dragged into an application’s window. This option is on by default if the

Text Comment option is off.

## REGISTER PREFERENCES

This final dialog will be available until your copy of ClipDragon is registered.

Your name, if set in the Sharing Setup control panel, is automatically entered in the Name field. Your registration code will be sent as soon as your registration has been processed. After entering the Registration code properly, the Registration tab will no longer be visible in the Preferences window. Registration information will always be available in the About window. With registration, all Hot Keys (above) will be made available!