

This document contains information about running Probe on a Macintosh II.

The Macintosh implementation of Probe has all the functionality of the IBM PC implementation, as well as some specific features not found on the IBM PC. Some features are invoked differently due to the nature of the Macintosh.

Application Memory Size

Probe is set up to run in a 1040K region.

Window Sizing and Placement

You may move the window at any time. You may change the screen size whenever you see the grow box at the lower right. You may also click on the Zoom box. If you hold down the Option key when clicking on the Zoom box, the window will shrink down to nothing; the next click on the Zoom box will restore it.

Color Monitors

You may change the trace and window colors by selecting Color Monitor under the Color Menu. You enable and disable a trace color by clicking on the name; a bullet signifies a selected trace color. Each click on the Window Color button cycles through the 8 basic Macintosh colors. Hit the return key or click on the DONE button when you are satisfied with your selection.

Probe saves the window information (size, placement, and color information) in a file named ProbePreference in the root folder of your hard disk when it exits, and reads it back when you start up.

Selecting operations with the mouse

Whenever a menu is presented at the bottom of the screen, you may either:

- type a return, which selects the default command. The default command is in reverse video, and may be changed by using the left or right arrows on the keyboard;
- type the first letter of the command, or if it is preceded by a number, that number;
- move the mouse over the operation and click on the mouse.

Reading and Writing Log Files.

A Log file is opened when you select 'Write to Log File' under the File Menu. It will contain a history of what you type on the keyboard from that point on, until you either exit the application or select 'Close Log File'. You may select 'Read From Log File' to replay what you have done. The log files are text files; as such, you may use EDIT or another word processor them to change values.

You may insert lines which read:

Pause

or, Pause N

to have Probe pause (N seconds for the Pause N form) or until you hit a return (for the Pause form).

You may select About Probe under the Apple Menu to get the version number and your ID number.

Copying a Screen Image to ClipBoard

When a graph is on the screen, you may select Copy under the Edit Menu to copy it to the clipboard in PICT format. You may then paste it into the ScrapBook, or into applications such as MacPaint. If you hold down the option key when copying, the menus at the bottom will be copied; otherwise only the graph will be copied. If the size of the Clipboard file would exceed 32K bytes, nothing will be copied to it and a bell will sound.

Copying a Screen Image to MacPaint® format file

When a graph is on the screen, you may select 'Write Image to MacPaint File' under the File Menu to save it as a MacPaint file. You may save an image which is more complicated than by copying to the clipboard as outlined above. A MacPaint image is always 576 pixels wide by 720 pixels long, so your image will be padded with white space or clipped to fit.