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Windows Clipboard Module

The Windows Clipboard module works with the standard Windows clipboard. This module allows you to Cut, Copy and Paste data among several Windows applications. The Windows Clipboard module is loaded when Calamus is launched. If it is not loaded, click Modules in the Options menu and load WINCLIP.CXM in the Modules dialog box. The Windows Clipboard module does not have an icon; its functions are accessed from the Edit menu. There are four functions available: Cut, Copy, Paste, and Clipboard Viewer.

The Windows Clipboard module will accept data from raster graphic, vector graphic and text frames. If no data has been selected, the Cut, Copy, and Paste items will be unselectable in the Edit menu. The Paste option will only become active when data has been cut or copied from a Calamus frame.

Data Formats

To Cut or Copy a raster or vector graphic to the Windows clipboard, select the appropriate frame and click Cut or Copy in the Edit menu. If you select Cut, the contents of the frame will be moved to the Windows clipboard but the actual frame will remain. This differs from the Calamus clipboard where the frame and its contents are moved to the clipboard.

To Paste an object from the Windows clipboard to a frame, select the appropriate frame type (raster graphic, vector graphic or text) and click Paste in the Edit menu. If the Windows clipboard does not contain data corresponding to the selected frame type, the Paste command will not work. The Windows clipboard can hold objects from all three data types simultaneously but will not allow you to Paste to an incorrect frame type.

To Cut or Copy text to the Windows clipboard, you must first mark a text block. Clicking either Cut or Copy will display an alert which will provide the option to Cut or Copy the entire text or the marked block. Entire text will cut or copy the complete piping chain.

Text

When you Paste text from the Windows clipboard to a text frame, an alert will appear giving you four options: you can add text to the end of the existing text; replace the existing text or simply merge at the cursor position; if a text block was marked, you can replace the marked block.

Clipboard Viewer

Data Formats

The Windows Clipboard module supports the standard Windows formats as well as special formats found in other applications. With Calamus you have access to both format types.

[Raster Graphics](#)

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Raster Graphics

In the Windows clipboard, raster graphic frames are stored in DIB (Device Independent Bitmap) format and can be exchanged with all Windows applications which support the Windows clipboard. Calamus saves graphics in monochrome, 8bit (256 colors or grayscales), or 24bit (True Color) format to the Windows Clipboard. Calamus will accept raster graphics with any number of colors or grayscales.

Vector Graphics

Calamus uses two vector graphic file formats when dealing with the Windows clipboard. Calamus will Cut or Copy vector graphic data in CVD and WMF formats when exporting to the Windows clipboard: CVD is the Calamus Vector Data format; WMF is Windows Metafile Format. WMF files may be pasted into other Windows applications which support that format.

To paste vector graphic data from the Windows clipboard to a vector graphic frame, it must be in CVD format. It is not possible to paste WMF or other vector formats. These formats contain information that cannot be correctly translated into Calamus vector graphic frames. To import other vector graphic formats, use the standard Calamus import function with the required vector graphic import driver.

Text

As with vector graphic data, the Cut and Copy functions create two versions of text data: one in Calamus Text Document CTD format and the other in Windows ANSI format. The ANSI version can be pasted into any Windows application which supports that format. The CTD version retains all text style and text ruler information so that large blocks of text can be moved while retaining formatting information. When you Cut or Copy text from a Calamus text frame and Paste the text into the same document, you will encounter the Name Conflict dialog box.

The conflicts usually involve the names of text styles and colors. Since the conflicting names contain data from the same document, you should select Apply to Following Objects followed by the Replace button. This action will use the original names for those elements that have a name conflict. See Name Conflict in Standard Elements, chapter 1.

Clipboard Viewer

This option lets you view the contents of the Windows clipboard. If you are connected to a network, you can also display the contents of the Windows clipboard on other workstations. Note that all objects are displayed in Windows data format (ANSI for text, DIB for bitmaps, WMF for vector graphics).

