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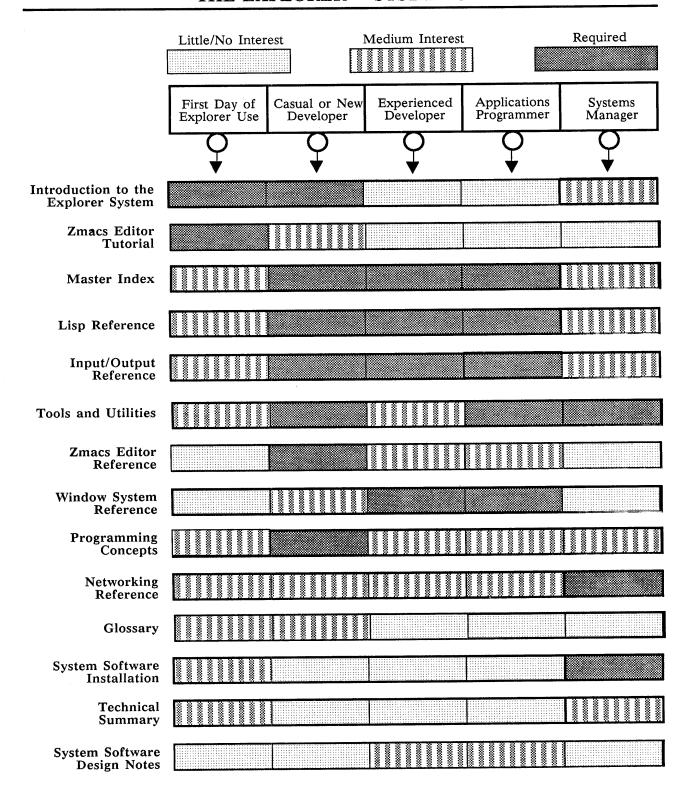
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## **ABOUT THIS MANUAL**

## Introduction

The Explorer Window System Reference manual is intended to explain how you, as a programmer, can use the set of Explorer facilities known collectively as the window system. Specifically, this document explains how to create windows and what operations can be performed on them. It also explains how you can customize the windows you produce by mixing together existing window definitions to produce a window that can perform as your program requires.

## **Assumptions**

This manual assumes that you have:

- A working familiarity with Lisp as documented in the *Explorer Lisp Reference* manual.
- Some experience with the user interface of the Explorer system, including how to manipulate windows, such as the Edit Screen, Split Screen, and Create commands from the System menu.
- An understanding of the following:
  - What message passing is
  - How message passing is used on the Explorer
  - What a flavor is
  - What a mixin flavor is
  - How to define a new flavor by mixing existing flavors

These concepts are explained in the Explorer Programming Concepts manual and in the Explorer Lisp Reference manual.

To use the predefined flavors and methods, you need not be familiar with how methods are defined and combined. However, to use the information provided here on where to add :before and :after methods, you must be thoroughly familiar with programming with flavors.

# Contents of This Manual

The first section of this manual, Basic Concepts:

- Discusses the concepts upon which the window system is based. You must understand these concepts before you can understand the discussions in the other sections.
- Briefly describes the contents of each of the other sections.
- Gives a simple example of creating a window.

Lists a simple decision tree to help you identify the features you want for a particular window. This tree lists where to find more information about a feature.

Section 2, Basic Windows, discusses the underlying flavors of the window system, such as w:minimum-window.

The remaining sections of this manual each describe a particular behavior or type of window and discuss the flavors, methods, initialization options, variables, and functions that provide that behavior or type.

Appendix A, Obsolete Symbols, describes the symbols that are no longer supported and that will be not be available in the next release.

# Suggestions for Using This Manual

If you are unfamiliar with creating windows, you should read Section 1 carefully, examining the various windows already existing on the system. After you have an idea of how you want your window to behave, refer to the section that includes the specific behavior you want to include in your window.

If you are already familiar with using the window system, you should refer to the section that includes the specific behavior you want to include in your window.

## **User Comments**

We are trying to make this manual an easily understood tool to aid you in using the window system. If you have questions, criticisms, or suggestions for improvement, please use the User Response Sheet provided at the back of the manual.

# Notational Conventions

The following paragraphs describe the notation for keystroke sequences, mouse clicks, and Lisp syntax, as well as flavors, initialization options, methods, and instance variables.

## **Keystroke Sequences**

Many of the commands used with the Explorer system are executed by a combination or sequence of keystrokes. Keys that should be pressed at the same time, or *chorded*, are listed with a hyphen connecting the name of each key. Keys that should be pressed in a particular sequence are listed with a space separating the name of each key. The following table explains the conventions used in this manual to describe keystroke sequences.

Keyboard Sequence	Interpretation		
META-CTRL-D	Hold the META and CTRL keys while pressing the D key.		
CTRL-X CTRL-F	Hold the CTRL key and press the X key, release the X key, and then press the F key. Alternately, press CTRL-X, release both keys, and press CTRL-F.		
META-X Find File RETURN	Hold the META key while pressing the X key, release the keys, type the letters find file and then press the RETURN key.		
TERM - SUPER-HELP	Press the TERM key and release it, press the minus key (-) and release it, then press and hold the SUPER key while pressing the HELP key.		

## **Mouse Clicks**

The mouse has three buttons that enable you to execute operations from the mouse without returning your hand to the keyboard. Pressing and releasing a button is called *clicking*. The following table lists abbreviations used to describe clicking the mouse.

Abbreviation	Action
L	Click the left button (press the left button once and release).
M	Click the middle button (press the middle button once and release).
R	Click the right button (press the right button once and release).
L2, M2, R2	Click the specified button twice quickly. Alternately, you can press and hold the CTRL key while you click the specified button once.
LHOLD, MHOLD, RHOLD	Press the specified button and hold it down.

## Lisp Language Notation

The Lisp language notational convention helps you distinguish Lisp functions and arguments from user-defined symbols. The following table shows the three fonts used in this manual to denote Lisp code.

Typeface	Meaning			
boldface	System-defined words and symbols, including names of functions, macros, flavors, methods, variables, keywords, and so on—any word or symbol that appears in the system source code.			
italics	Example names or an argument to a function, such as a value or parameter you would fill in. Names in italics can be replaced by any value you choose to substitute. (Italics are also used for emphasis and to introduce new terms.)			
monowidth	Examples of program code and output are in a monowidth font. System-defined words shown in an example are also in this font.			

For example, this sentence contains the word setf in boldface because setf is defined by the system.

Some function and method names are very long—for example, get-ucode-version-of-band. Within the text, long function names may be split over two lines because of typographical constraints. When you code the function name get-ucode-version-of-band, however, you should not split it or include any spaces within it.

Within manual text, each example of actual Lisp code is shown in the monowidth font. For instance:

```
(setf x 1 y 2) \Rightarrow 2
(* x y) \Rightarrow 3
```

The form (setf x 1 y 2) sets the variables x and y to integer values; then the form (+ x y) adds them together.

In this example of Lisp code with its explanation, setf appears in the monowidth font because it is part of a specific example.

For more information about Lisp syntax descriptions, see the *Explorer Lisp Reference* manual.

## Flavor Notation

The window system is composed of various flavors and associated symbols, such as methods, initialization options, and instance variables. Some flavors require certain symbols to operate properly. For example, any window built with the w:mouse-blinker-mixin flavor also requires the w:blinker flavor to be in the component list. In this manual, such requirements are shown as follows:

## w:mouse-blinker-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:blinker

Makes a blinker suitable for use as the mouse blinker. Not all blinkers....

You can also find the requirements for a flavor by using the describe function. For example, if you typed the form (describe 'w:mouse-blinker-mixin) in a Lisp Listener, the system returns the following:

```
Symbol W: MOUSE-BLINKER-MIXIN is in the W package.
W: MOUSE-BLINKER-MIXIN has property SYS:: DOCUMENTATION-PROPERTY: (DEFFLAVOR "Blinker that is
capable of being MOUSE-BLINKER A MIXIN Flavor.")
W:MOUSE-BLINKER-MIXIN has property SYS:FLAVOR: #<FLAVOR W:MOUSE-BLINKER-MIXIN 61200463>
     Flavor #<FLAVOR W: MOUSE-BLINKER-MIXIN 61200463> directly depends on flavors: none
      and is directly depended on by W::MOUSE-MULTIPLE-RECTANGLE-BLINKER,
      W::MOUSE-FOLLOWING-ARROW-BLINKER, W:MOUSE-BOX-STAY-INSIDE-BLINKER
      W: MOUSE-BOX-BLINKER, W: MOUSE-HOLLOW-RECTANGULAR-BLINKER, W: MOUSE-RECTANGULAR-BLINKER,
      W:BITBLT-BLINKER, W::MOUSE-BLINKER-FAST-TRACKING-MIXIN
     Not counting inherited methods, the methods for #<FLAVOR W:MOUSE-BLINKER-MIXIN 61200463>
are:
                                                                                                1
     :TRACK-MOUSE
        :SET-OFFSETS
        :OFFSETS
     Instance variables that may be set by initialization: W:X-OFFSET, W:Y-OFFSET
                                                                                                 2
   Defined in package W
     Properties:
          : DOCUMENTATION:
                                   (:MIXIN "Blinker that is capable of being MOUSE-BLINKER")
       :REQUIRED-FLAVORS:
                                   (W:BLINKER)
      SYS::INSTANCE-AREA-FUNCTION:
                                              NII.
          SYS:: REQUIRED-INIT-KEYWORDS:
                                              NIL
          SYS:: REMAINING-INIT-KEYWORDS:
                                              NIL
          SYS:: REMAINING-DEFAULT-PLIST:
                                              NIL
          SYS:: ALL-INITTABLE-INSTANCE-VARIABLES:
                                                          NIL
          SYS:: ALL-SPECIAL-INSTANCE-VARIABLES:
                                                          NIL
          SYS::INSTANCE-VARIABLE-INITIALIZATIONS:
                                                          NIL
          SYS:: MAPPED-COMPONENT-FLAVORS:
                                              NII.
          SYS::UNMAPPED-INSTANCE-VARIABLES:
                                              (W:X-POS W:Y-POS W:SHEET ...)
          COMPILE-FLAVOR-METHODS: NIL
          SYS::ALL-INSTANCE-VARIABLES-SPECIAL:
                                                          NIL
          SYS:: ADDITIONAL-INSTANCE-VARIABLES:
                                                          NIL
     Flavor #<FLAVOR W: MOUSE-BLINKER-MIXIN 61200463> does not yet have a method hash table
     This is an ART-Q type array.
     It is 20 long.
W: MOUSE-BLINKER-MIXIN has property : SOURCE-FILE-NAME: ((DEFFLAVOR # FS::REMOTE-LM-PATHNAME
                        # FS::LOGICAL-PATHNAME "SYS: WINDOW; WDEFS.#" ))
"DLS: WINDOW; WDEFS.#"
                                                                                                5
W: MOUSE-BLINKER-MIXIN
```

Note the following parts of the description:

- ☐ Methods defined for this flavor. These methods do not include the methods inherited from component flavors.
- 2 Initialization options for this flavor. Another part of the flavor description, not shown here, consists of the instance variables that are gettable and settable.
- 3 The documentation string for this flavor.
- 4 The required flavors for this flavor.
- The pathname of the source file. You can examine the source file to see the component list for this flavor.

Other important information, which in the case of this flavor is nil, includes required initialization options (the REQUIRED-INIT-KEYWORDS), the default values for instance variables (the REMAINING-DEFAULT-PLIST or the INSTANCE-VARIABLE-INITIALIZATIONS), and required methods.

# Flavor Naming Conventions

Conventions are different for *instantiable* flavors (which are complete and can support instances of themselves) and *mixin* flavors (which are incomplete and supply only one particular aspect of behavior).

In the following convention examples, the word *frobboz* is used to stand for any feature, attribute, or class of windows that would appear in a flavor name.

frobboz

Flavor

An instantiable flavor whose most distinguishing characteristic is that it is a complete Lisp object. As a complete Lisp object, **frobboz** has the minimum attributes needed to make it instantiable. The **frobboz** name is preferred to the **frobboz-window** name except when it is necessary to make a distinction between a window having **frobboz** attributes and the **frobboz** flavor.

## frobboz-mixin

Flavor

Provides the **frobboz** feature when mixed into other flavors, but **frobboz**-mixin is not instantiable by itself. Such mixins may have components such as other mixins; may have no components, only *required flavors*; or may not have required flavors because the mixin is a general-purpose mixin used by several flavors.

Required flavors are flavors that must be present as a component of the flavor at some level. This manual uses the following convention to indicate that a mixin requires a flavor:

#### baz-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: frobboz-mixin

Requires the frobboz-mixin flavor as a component flavor, either directly or through inheritance.

# Initialization Options, Methods, and Instance Variables

Rather than separately listing each method, this manual uses the following convention to document initialization options and :get- and :set- methods. In most cases, the initialization option is documented rather than the instance variable. For example, the following syntax line documents the :hysteresis initialization option, the :hysteresis method, and the :set-hysteresis method. Methods so documented may simply access the instance variable, or the methods may do other things as well.

:hysteresis hysteresis

steresis Initialization Option of w:hysteretic-window-mixin Gettable, settable. Default: 25.

The value, in pixels, of the hysteresis...and so on.

If the initialization option and both methods were listed explicitly, they would appear as follows:

:hysteresis hysteresis

Initialization Option of w:hysteretic-window-mixin

Default: 25.

:hysteresis

:set-hysteresis hysteresis

Method of w:hysteretic-window-mixin Method of w:hysteretic-window-mixin

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In cases where a :set- method uses more than one argument, that method is listed separately, as in the following example.

:offsets

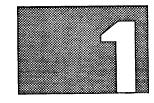
Method of w:mouse-blinker-mixin

Returns two values: the  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  offsets of the blinker. The values...and so on.

:set-offsets x y

Method of w:mouse-blinker-mixin

Sets the offsets of the blinker to the values specified by x and y...and so on.



## WINDOW SYSTEM CONCEPTS

## **General Concepts**

1.1 This section is designed to introduce you to the concepts that form the basis of the window system. You must understand these concepts to understand the discussions in this manual. After the discussion of the very basic concepts, this section then briefly describes the contents of each of the other sections and gives a simple example of creating a window.

The final portion of the section provides a simple decision tree to help you identify the features you want for a particular window. This tree lists where to find more information about a feature.

# Screens, Windows, and Panes

1.1.1 The window system is a hierarchical input/output (I/O) interface between the Explorer system, its peripherals, and the user. Windows are generally thought of as areas shown on the video display; however, this is not necessarily so. Windows can also exist as areas in memory waiting to be displayed.

A screen is the topmost node of the window system hierarchy; it defines an area of the physical display. A screen has no superior windows, and windows in one screen cannot be extended into another screen. Each screen object usually corresponds to a particular location in the Explorer memory.

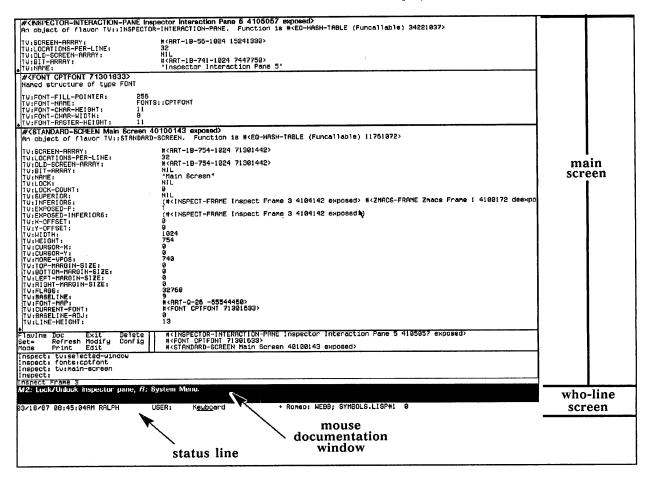
A process is often associated with a window and uses that window for input and output. Thus, a window can act as a stream. Each window is an instance of a specific flavor. A frame is a collection of inferior windows, or panes, that can be manipulated as a single window. An example of a frame is the Inspector. The Inspector frame contains three history panes, an interaction pane, a command menu pane, and a summary pane. You specify the relative size and location for each of the panes in a set of constraints. The constraint frame editor, or WINIFRED, is a window-driven interface that enables you to develop constraint frames easily.

The Explorer video display shows windows and screens. A window may or may not appear on the video display, but a screen always appears on the video display. Screens are divided into windows, and the windows can be subdivided into inferior windows or panes. Historically, windows and screens collectively are called sheets. The term sheet frequently appears in the source code. By convention (and in common usage) frames, panes, sheets, and screens are often referred to simply as windows.

The Explorer window system can be used on either a monochrome system or on an optional color system. This manual describes the features that are common to both and also the differences. Your application can be coded to work correctly on either a monochrome or a color system. However, certain guidelines must be followed. The following list describes the main places in this manual (and other manuals) where color is discussed:

- Functions and concepts that are specific to color are described in Section 19, Using Color.
- Problems that may arise when converting applications to color are discussed in Appendix B, Converting Applications to Color.
- Several text output functions now have a new optional color argument, as described in Section 7, Output of Text.
- The color argument in the graphics methods allows you to use color on a color system, as described in Section 12, Graphics.
- A broad overview on color concepts is presented in the Color Concepts section of the Explorer Programming Concepts manual.
- Refer to the description of Edit Attributes in the Customizing Your Environment section of the *Introduction to the Explorer System* to merely change the foreground, background, label, background label, and border color of a window.
- To edit the colors that can be displayed in a window, refer to the Color Map editor section in the Explorer Tools and Utilities manual.

The physical display area is divided logically into two screens: the who-line screen on the bottom of the video display, and the main screen on the top.



The Who-Line Screen

- 1.1.1.1 The main screen covers the major portion of the video display; this is the screen that the user interacts with and that programs use to display output. The *who-line screen* is a screen at the bottom of the video display made up of two areas:
- The mouse documentation window displays useful information such as mouse click documentation.
- The status line, the last line on the video display, shows the user information about the status of the Explorer.

The window system software implements the who-line as a separate screen even though it appears on the same video display as the main screen. This separation into two screens is why you cannot move the mouse into the mouse documentation window or make windows on the main screen cover it.

The Main Screen

1.1.1.2 You have encountered windows many times in your use of the Explorer system. Sometimes there is only one window visible on the video display.

Using the System menu's Create, Edit Screen, or Split Screen options, a user can make windows of various sizes and flavors and position them on the video display. Similarly, you can write programs to control the size, position, and behavior of windows using the information in this manual.

# The Window System as a User Interface

1.1.2 The window system refers to a large body of software used to manage communications between the user and programs in the Explorer, via the Explorer system console, sometimes called the display unit. The console consists of a keyboard, a mouse, and a monitor.

Windows can function as streams by accepting all the operations that streams accept. Input operations on windows read from the keyboard or mouse; output operations on windows type out characters or graphics on the screen. The value of \*terminal-io\* is normally a window, so I/O functions on the Explorer system send their I/O to windows by default. Other standard streams, such as \*standard-output\*, \*standard-input\*, and so on are synonym streams of \*terminal-io\* so they also send I/O to windows by default.

The window system controls the keyboard, encoding the shifting keys, interpreting special commands from the TERM and SYSTEM keys, and directing input to the correct place. The window system also controls the mouse, tracking it on the screen, interpreting clicks on the buttons, and routing its effects to the correct places. The most important part of the window system is its control of the screens, which it subdivides into windows so that many programs can coexist and even run simultaneously without getting in each other's way, sharing the screen space according to a set of established rules.

## States of a Window

## 1.1.3 A window can be in different states:

- A visible window is a window that is currently displayed on a screen. A window is fully visible if no other window is covering any part of it; a window is partially visible if another window(s) is covering part of it.
- An exposed window is a window that is enabled to accept output from a process. An exposed window need not be visible. For a window to be exposed, the window's superior must have some place to put its output (that is, it must have a bit-save array).
- The selected window is the window that receives the input from the keyboard. Only one window can be selected at one time, and when a window becomes selected, it is exposed and made fully visible automatically. The currently selected window is usually indicated by a blinking keyboard cursor.
- A deexposed window is a window that had been exposed but is no longer exposed. This can happen either when a program or user explicitly deexposes a window, or when another window is selected.

- An active window is a window that is capable of being exposed. Active windows are part of a list of windows (a stack) that can be exposed without allocating more memory or creating another window. All visible windows and all exposed windows are active. In addition, other windows (windows that are not visible or that are not exposed) are active if they are resident in memory.
- A deactivated window is a window that is not exposed nor selected and that is not on the stack. When a window is first created, it is deactivated until it is exposed or selected.

You can *bury* an active window—put it logically at the end of the stack of windows, and make the next window(s) in the stack visible. A buried window is still active, but it is not selected. The buried window may or may not be partially visible, depending on the sizes of the other windows in the stack.

You can kill a window—make it both inactive and deexposed, remove it from the stack, and delete it from memory. If a process is associated with a window, when you kill the window you also kill the associated process.

## Windows as Instances of Flavors

1.2 In the Explorer system, each window is a flavor instance. Many different window flavors are available; those that you can use are described in this manual. Because windows are flavors, they have certain characteristics. You should be aware of the facilities available on the Explorer system for using, mixing, and examining flavors.

# Characteristics of Window Flavors

- 1.2.1 Because windows are flavors, they share the following characteristics with all flavors:
- Have instance variables, which can be gettable, settable, and inittable. Many instance variables can also be accessed by macros or defsubsts.
- Have methods that perform various operations on the windows. These methods can include :before and :after daemons and wrappers to customize the methods as you desire.
- Can be mixed as needed.
- Are instantiated with make-instance.
- Contain the sys:vanilla-flavor methods.

If you are unfamiliar with flavors, you should refer to the explanation of flavors in the *Explorer Programming Concepts* manual and in the *Explorer Lisp Reference* manual.

This manual describes the initialization options and methods of various flavors of windows. They are grouped in each section of this manual by the functions they perform.

## Mixing Flavors

1.2.2 Many programs never need to create any new windows. Often you can use the standard input, output, and graphics methods on an existing window, such as a Lisp Listener, which is the value of \*terminal-io\* when your program is called. For example, the following code defines a function that, when executed, draws a pattern of XORed circles on any window that has w:graphics-mixin (such as a Lisp Listener).

```
(defun green-hornet (&optional (window *terminal-io*) (separation 40))
 (send window :clear-screen)
  (send window :home-down)
 (multiple-value-bind (iw ih)
     (send window :inside-size)
   (let ((center-x1 (- (truncate iw 2)
                        (truncate separation 2)))
          (center-x2 (+ (truncate iw 2)
                        (truncate separation 2)))
          (center-y (truncate ih 2)))
      (do ((i (- (min center-y center-x1) 10.) (1- i)))
          ((<= i 5))
          (send window :draw-circle
               (if (bit-test #020 i) center-x1 center-x2)
                   center-y i))))
  (read-char window)
```

Often you must mix flavors to make windows behave as you want. When mixing flavors, you must pay attention to the correct ordering of flavor components. The earlier components override later ones. For example, if you want to make a window that prints out notifications on itself by mixing in w:notification-mixin, you must put w:notification-mixin before w:window:

However, if you put w:window in front of w:notification-mixin, you get something equivalent to w:window:

```
(defflavor my-window () ; Incorrect ordering
  (w:window
     w:notification-mixin))
```

In the second example, the effect of w:notification-mixin is completely lost. The whole purpose of w:notification-mixin is to override some methods of w:window (inherited from w:delay-notification-mixin), and, in fact, it defines the same methods in a different way. If w:notification-mixin comes last, it is overridden instead.

## Methods and Their Flavors

- 1.2.3 Methods are usually associated with a particular flavor. For example, the :print-notification-on-self method is a method of the w:notification-mixin. However, because some flavors are very basic, this manual documents some methods and initialization options differently:
- All the methods, instance variables, and initialization options of w:minimum-window are documented as being of windows rather than of any specific flavor.
- All the methods, instance variables, and initialization options of w:sheet are documented as being of windows and screens.

# Features Common to All Windows

1.3 All windows share some features, such as borders, names, blinkers, input and output operations, and so on. The following sections discuss the features that can be used on almost all windows.

# Outside Edges of Windows

1.3.1 Windows usually have a border (a thin black line around the edges of the window), and they frequently have a label at the top or in the lower left corner. The border helps you see where all the windows are, what kind of windows they are, and what parts of the screen they are using.

A window's area of the screen is divided into two parts. Around the edges of the window are the four *margins*. While margins can have zero size, there usually is a margin on each edge of the window, holding a border and sometimes other things, such as a label. The rest of the window is called the *inside*; regular character output and graphic drawings all occur on the inside part of the window. The margins and the inside of the window are managed separately so mixins that add things to the margins can be independent of the program that draws in the window's inside.

Mixins usually override similar attributes in flavors to which the mixins are added. One exception occurs with flavors of margin items in which the ordering controls the spatial position of the margin items.

Section 3, Outside Edges of Windows, discusses the flavors, methods, and variables that produce margins, borders, and labels.

#### Sizes and Positions

1.3.2 Every window has a size and position. You can specify these in several ways: specify numerically, use the mouse, cause a window to be displayed near some point or some other window, and so on.

Section 4, Sizes and Positions, discusses the flavors, methods, and variables affecting the size and position of a window.

# Visibility and Exposure

1.3.3 A window can be fully *visible* (you can see the entire window) or only partially visible (some of the window is covered by another window). A window may or may not be *exposed*; an exposed window can have output drawn on it.

Section 5, Visibility and Exposure, discusses the flavors, methods, and variables affecting visibility and exposure of windows. This section also discusses bit-save arrays.

### Selection

1.3.4 Before a window can receive input from the keyboard, the window must be selected. Windows can be selected by programs, or a user can select a window either with keystroke sequences (for example, the user can select the Inspector window by pressing SYSTEM I), by using the System menu, or by moving the mouse blinker into a partially visible window and clicking the left button.

Section 6, Selection, discusses how to select a window, and how selection can be controlled when several windows are involved.

## Output of Text

1.3.5 Windows handle the standard output stream operations and can be passed as the output stream to functions such as **print** and **format**. You can output characters at a cursor position, move the cursor around, selectively clear parts of the window, insert and delete lines and characters, and so on, by means of stream operations. Output of text on windows provides additional features. For example, characters can be drawn in any of a large set of *fonts* (typefaces), and you can switch from one font to another within a single window. Windows can define their own actions for exceptional conditions that affect output, such as attempting output beyond the right or bottom edge of the window or printing more than a window-full without pausing.

Section 7, Output of Text, discusses how output is actually performed, how to cause output to appear or disappear from a window, and what exception conditions are handled by windows.

## Input

1.3.6 A window whose flavor incorporates the w:stream-mixin flavor supports all the standard input stream operations and can be passed as the input stream to functions such as read and read-line. Each such window has an *input buffer* that holds input for the window that has not been read yet. You can *force keyboard input* into a window's input buffer; frequently two processes communicate by one process forcing keyboard input into an input buffer that another process is reading.

Asynchronously intercepted characters (such as CTRL-ABORT) take effect immediately when typed and are handled by the selected window. Each window can specify its own asynchronously intercepted characters as well as synchronously intercepted characters.

Section 8, Input, discusses input, I/O buffers, and intercepted characters.

### **Fonts**

1.3.7 Fonts control the appearance of text on the window.

Section 9, Fonts, discusses how fonts are specified and the attributes and format of fonts.

## Blinkers

1.3.8 Blinkers are used to add either visual cues to a window or temporary modifications to a window's normal display. Blinkers are flavor instances with their own standard operations. Each window can have many *blinkers*. Most windows have one blinker that follows the window's cursor position; this blinker normally appears as a blinking rectangle. However, blinkers need not follow the cursor and need not actually blink (some do and some do not).

Blinkers are not always rectangular. The arrow that follows the mouse is a blinker, but the mouse blinker is not always an arrow. For example, the Zmacs editor shows you the character the mouse is pointing to by changing the mouse blinker to a hollow rectangle.

Section 10, Blinkers, discusses various types of blinkers and how to use them.

#### The Mouse

1.3.9 Windows are the standard interface to the mouse. Both mouse motion and mouse clicks are normally handled by messages sent to the window over which the mouse is positioned.

Section 11, The Mouse, discusses different ways of controlling the mouse, operations to use to find out the current status of the mouse, and the scrolling facility.

### Graphics

1.3.10 In addition to characters from fonts, you can also draw graphics (pictures) on windows. You can use functions, methods, and subprimitives to draw lines, circles, triangles, rectangles, arbitrary polygons, circle sectors, and cubic splines.

Section 12, Graphics, describes the functions, methods, and subprimitives that draw graphics on windows.

### **Typeout Windows**

1.3.11 Typeout windows allow windows such as scroll windows and editor windows to print output in response to individual commands. The typeout window is an inferior of the other window, and exposes itself when output is drawn on it.

Section 13, Typeout Windows, discusses how to use a typeout window. The section includes an example of a standalone typeout window.

### Types of Windows

1.4 Sections 14 through 18 discuss windows that are of different types. In general, these types of windows are mutually exclusive. For example, if a window is a choice facility, it is not a general scroll window. These windows use many of the features discussed in paragraph 1.3, Features Common to All Windows.

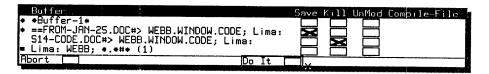
### Choice Facilities

1.4.1 Choice facilities consist of menus, multiple choice windows, and choose-variable-values windows.

Menus allow the user to choose one or several of a fixed set of items. The System menu produced by the double-click-right sequence is an example of such a menu.

Explorer System Menu					
USER AIDS: Glossary New User Profile Suggestions	PROGRAMS: Backup Converse Font Editor Hardcopy Menu Lisp Listener Mail Namespace Editor Telnet VT100 emulator Zmacs Editor	WINDOWS: Arrest Bury Change Layouts Create Edit Attributes Edit Screen	DEBUG TOOLS: Flavor Inspector Inspector Network Peek Trace		

Multiple-choice windows allow the user to specify an answer to each of a set of similar multiple-choice questions. The Kill or Save Buffers window from the Zmacs editor is an example of a multiple-choice menu.



Choose-variable-values windows allow the user to view and modify the values of a set of variables. Each variable is printed and read according to its own range of possible values. One variable might allow only numbers, while another variable's value might be restricted to a list of pathnames. The Hard Copy choice in the System menu invokes a choose-variable-values window.

Screen Image Print Parameters	
Printer Device: 2015-P CMINT-S DABP DABS DLS-855 DOUG EIGHT	ESDI GUMBY-855 IMAGEN IMAGEN-8YS-ENGR
LUCKY-855 MADONNA-PRINTER MARKS-PRINTER-P MARKS-PRINTER-S PCA Image to Print: SCREEN SCREEN WITH WHOLINE FRAME WINDOW	I-8 RBEA-855 RUMP TALARIS TI-855 UNIFORM-8
Unientation: Portrait Landscape Best	THE O'LANGEE
Dots per Inch: BEST Include Mouse Blinker: YES NO	
Print Header Page: YES NO	
Page Heading Line:	
Number of Copies: 1	
Abort	o It

Section 14, Choice Facilities, discusses how to use choice facilities. For each choice facility, the window system includes an easy-to-use interface.

#### Frames

1.4.2 For greater flexibility in subdividing a window into multiple areas for different uses, you can create *inferior windows* or *panes* within the window. The main window is then called a *frame*. Each pane can be of a different flavor suitable to its own purpose. For example, Peek uses a menu frame and a scrolling window as its two panes.

Section 15, Frames, discusses how to use frames by specifying the panes that comprise them, and shows examples of different configurations. This section also describes the constraint frame editor, which enables you to quickly generate the code for a constraint frame.

### Text Scroll Windows

1.4.3 Text scroll windows provide a simple way to display and scroll a number of lines of similar material on a window. For example, editor windows and menus can scroll.

The lines displayed by text scroll windows are Lisp objects. How these Lisp objects are displayed depends on how certain methods are defined.

Section 16, Text Scroll Windows, discusses the uses of text scroll windows and how to specify them.

### General Scroll Windows

1.4.4 General scroll windows are an independent facility from text scroll windows. Although these windows are called scroll windows, the windows do not actually scroll. The contents of the windows are updated as items in the windows change. Peek is a good example of a general scroll window.

General scroll windows display continuously maintained items, which can vary in size. Each item in the window takes up an entire line, and each item can be composed of one or more subitems arranged vertically. Each subitem can fill one or more lines and can contain subsubitems. The lowest level of subdivision of subitems consists of entries that are arranged in a horizontal sequence. New subitems, at any level, can be added and deleted automatically, and the display is updated automatically by moving lines around on the window.

Section 17, General Scroll Windows, discusses the uses of general scroll windows and how to specify them.

### Miscellaneous Features

1.4.5 Section 18 discusses miscellaneous topics:

- Notification windows are used to notify a user of the occurrence of a particular event.
- Beeps can provide audible feedback to the user.
- You can also program the Explorer system to create sounds or to record and play back sounds.
- Some programs, such as the Lisp Listener or the Zmacs editor, have flavors that can be used to include their facilities in a window.
- The user can specify some aspects of the appearance of the mouse documentation window and status line.
- The System menu provides a menu interface to most of the programs and features of the Explorer system.
- Window resources help conserve system memory and speed execution.
- The Explorer system includes functions to help you find existing windows, resources, flavors, and methods.

### Optional Color

1.4.6 Section 19 discusses the concepts and functions for using an optional color system. Appendix B, Converting Applications to Color, discusses how to convert from a monochrome load band to one that uses color, and lists problem areas that may arise when you convert an existing monochrome application to use color.

### **Obsolete Symbols**

1.5 This release of the Explorer window system replaces some code with improved code of similar names. The obsolete symbols are documented in Appendix A and are marked with an [0] symbol in the syntax line.

### Designing a Window

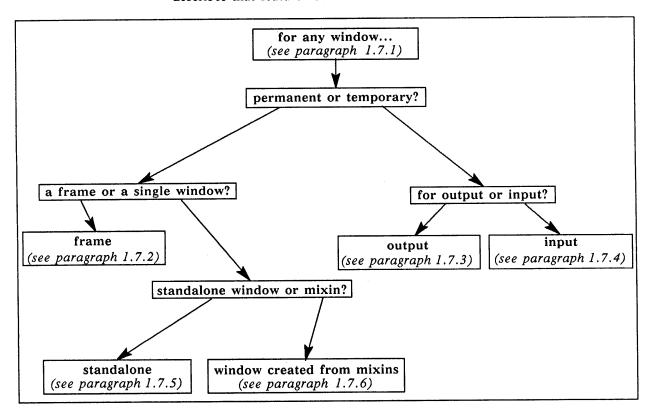
- 1.6 When you start to design a new window for your application, you should use the simplest mechanism that meets your needs. The steps are presented as follows in order of increasing complexity:
- 1. If possible, choose a functional interface that creates a particular window automatically. Many temporary windows, such as menus and notifications, can be created using function calls.
- 2. Use a utility that generates the window code for you. The frame editor, described in paragraph 15.3, Constraint Frame Editor, is one such utility.
- 3. Create a new window instance by using existing flavors and mixins.
- 4. Customize the methods of an existing flavor or mixture of flavors to produce special results.
- 5. Build your own window flavor.

The remainder of this section includes the following:

- A simple decision tree that may help you to decide what kind of window you want, including a general explanation of each of the choices of the decision tree
- Short explanations of the functions and flavors available to implement each leaf of the decision tree

### General Choices Among Windows

1.7 The following tree summarizes the general choices you should make when you design a window. The following pages describe these choices in each leaf in more detail and refer you to the portion of the manual that describes that feature. Some references are to other manuals.



For any Window...

Answer the questions listed in paragraph 1.7.1 for any window or pane.

### Permanent or Temporary?

- Use *permanent* windows when you want the window to (almost) always appear when the user is interacting with your software. If you have cases when you need to display or gather information, you can associate various temporary windows with your main permanent window.
- Use temporary windows when you want to display information briefly, notify the user of some condition that may require attention, or infrequently get information from the user.

### A Frame or a Single Window?

- Use a *frame* to display a group of panes as a single window. Examples of panes are the Inspector and Peek. Note that you can include Suggestions on a window without the window being a frame.
- Use a *single window* if one window can serve all your needs. For example, the new user utility uses a single window.

### Existing Standalone Window or Mixin?

- Use an instance of an existing standalone window, if possible, to serve your needs. You can customize many features of standalone windows using existing initialization options and methods. For example, any initialization option or method marked as being of windows and screens works on all windows based on the w:sheet flavor, which includes virtually all window flavors.
- Create your own window flavor using the w:minimum-window flavor (or another flavor based on these) with various mixins to create a specialized window.

Whether you use an existing window or you create your own window flavor, you can redefine existing methods to customize window behavior.

### For Output Or Input?

You can use a window as a stream by incorporating w:stream-mixin in its flavor. You can also use other, more specialized windows for more specific purposes:

- Use a window for *output* if you want the user to be able to see information but not change it. Some output windows can be mouse-sensitive; that is, a user can select a portion of the output to display more information, and so on.
- Use a window for *input* if you want to gather information from or otherwise interact with the user. Input windows include notifications, menus, choose variable values windows, and so on.

### For Any Window

1.7.1 For any window, there are some decisions you should make before you begin. There are other decisions you should consider after you have created and tested your window.

#### Before You Begin

1.7.1.1 Before you start building your window, decide whether your application is going to include a command loop. If it is, you should consider using the Universal Command Loop (UCL), described in the Explorer Tools and Utilities manual. The UCL offers various menu and help interfaces that make writing code simpler. In addition, by using the UCL, you provide a user interface that is similar to most utility interfaces already on the Explorer system.

#### After You Finish

1.7.1.2 After you have developed and tested the window for your application, you should consider these questions:

### Choose As Many As Desired

### **Explanation and Reference**

Should this window be listed in one of the columns of the System menu?

After you make the window selectable as described in Section 6, Selection, use the w:add-to-system-menu-column function described in paragraph 18.6, The System Menu, to add your application to the System menu.

How often is the window used, and how quickly should the window appear?

If this window is used frequently, you may want to create a resource for it. As a resource, the program allocates memory for the window once rather than allocating memory for the window each time it is invoked and then discarding the memory after it is deactivated. If you want to use a resource, examine the list of resources contained in the w:window-resource-names variable. Use one of the existing resources if possible; if not, create your own resource using the function described in paragraph 18.7, Window Resources.

Should this window include Suggestions menus?

See the *Explorer Tools and Utilities* manual for a description of Suggestions menus.

Using a Frame	1.7.2 If your application calls for a frame, use the constraint frame editor (WINIFRED, discussed in Section 15, Frames) to create it. Before you do so, however, you should:			
	1. Make certain decisions about the frame as a whole.			
	2. Decide on the characteristics of each pane by answering the questions in the decision tree for each separate pane.			
	3. Finally, use WINIFRED to create the constraint frame.			
Questions About the Frame as a Whole	e			
Choose As Many As Desired	Explanation and Reference			
Should it include a label?	If so, create a flavor that includes one of the constraint frame flavors (described in paragraph 15.4, Constraint Frame Flavors) and w:label-mixin (described in paragraph 3.4.2).			
Should it include a border?	Use one of the bordered constraint frame flavors described in paragraph 15.4, Constraint Frame Flavors.			
Should the panes of the frame share an input buffer?	Use one of the constraint frame flavors that explicitly share an input buffer, as described in paragraph 15.4, Constraint Frame Flavors.			
Should the panes of the frame share a selection substitute?	First, be sure that you include w:select-mixin as part of your frame flavor. Then, set a selection substitute as described in paragraph 15.10.1, The Selected Pane.			
Questions About a Non-Constraint Frame as a Whole	questions for your frame:			
Choose As Many As Desired	Explanation and Reference			
Should the screen manager not interfere with inferiors?	If not, use the w:no-screen-managing-mixin flavor, described in paragraph 5.9.2, Autoselection.			
Should the inferiors of the window not be in the Select menu of the System menu?	If so, use the w:inferiors-not-in-select-menu-mixin flavor, described in paragraph 6.3.1, The System Menu Select Command.			

### Types of Output Windows

1.7.3 Certain features can be included in a window to allow output in a special window or buffer that appears. You can also associate these features with a particular pane of a constraint frame.

From the following questions, choose the one that best describes what you want the window to do.

### Choose One

### **Explanation and Reference**

Is the output simple and relatively brief (only a line or two)?

Use notifications. Include either the w:notification-mixin flavor or the w:delay-notification-mixin flavor as part of your window, and then use either the w:careful-notify function or the w:notify function to produce the notification. These flavors and functions are described in paragraph 18.2, Notifications.

Do you want to allow scrolling in only one direction?

Use a typeout window. These windows are typically used to display help and error messages. Use w:essential-window-with-typeout-mixin or an associated flavor, described in paragraph 13.1, Using Typeout Windows and in paragraph 13.3, Windows With Inferior Typeout Windows.

Do you want to allow scrolling in both directions?

This type of window displays information that a user may want to look at several times. Use the zwei:view-file function.

Do you want a feature similar to Peek, where each line lists a separate item or subitem, but that is not mouse-sensitive?

Use a general scroll window.

- If you do not want a typeout window associated with the window, use either the w:basic-scroll-window mixin or the w:scroll-window flavor, described in paragraph 17.3, Using a Scroll Window.
- If you do want a typeout window associated with the window, use either the w:scroll-window-with-typeout-mixin or the w:scroll-window-with-typeout flavor, described in paragraph 17.3, Using a Scroll Window.

To provide mouse-sensitivity, use the flavors described in paragraph 17.7, Mouse-Sensitive Scroll Windows

Do you want a feature similar to the Inspector, where you can display a number of similar lines with scrolling? Use a text scroll window, such as the w:text-scroll-window mixin (described in paragraph 16.1, Using Text Scroll Windows) or the w:text-scroll-window-typeout-mixin flavor (described in paragraph 16.3, Function Text Scroll Windows). If you want to dynamically define functions to display windows, use the w:function-text-scroll-window flavor, described in paragraph 16.3, Function Text Scroll Windows.

Do you want a temporary window that displays text?

Use one of the pop-up text window resources or flavors described in paragraph 18.4.3, Window Flavors for Other Programs.

Do you want a window whose lines truncate rather than wrap?

Use either the w:line-truncating-mixin or the w:truncating-window flavor, described in paragraph 7.4.4, End-of-Line Exceptions.

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### Types of Input Windows

1.7.4 In general, input windows are of two types: those that simply require confirmation (your application may do a certain action depending on whether the user confirms), and those that actually require the user to make a choice or otherwise supply information. The following functions and flavors typically use the mouse as the primary input device rather than the keyboard, although menus also support keystrokes as well as mouse clicks.

### Obtaining Confirmation

1.7.4.1 Do you simply want the user to confirm or not confirm an action? If so, use one of the following:

#### Choose One

#### Explanation and Reference

Is the output simple and relatively brief (only a line or two)?

Use notifications. Include either the w:notification-mixin flavor or the w:delay-notification-mixin flavor as part of your window, and then use either the w:careful-notify function or the w:notify function to produce the notification. These flavors and functions are described in paragraph 18.2, Notifications.

Should the user just select yes or no with the mouse from a pop-up window?

Use the w:mouse-y-or-n-p function, described in paragraph 14.2.4.3, Other Special Functions, of the Functions That Create Menus paragraph. This function requires the user to click on either a yes item or a no item to make the window disappear.

Should the user confirm either by selecting an item with the mouse or by pressing a key? Use the w:mouse-confirm function, described in paragraph 14.2.4.3, Other Special Functions, of the Functions That Create Menus paragraph. This function requires the user, to specify yes, to either click on a yes item or press the END key. To specify no, the user must either click on a no item or press the ABORT key.

Should the confirmation be requested through the Listener or minibuffer rather than through a popup window? See the *Explorer Input/Output Reference* manual for descriptions of functions that obtain confirmation without using a pop-up window, such as the y-or-n-p function.

Gathering Information 1.7.4.2 Do you want to obtain information from the user? If so, use one of the following:

- Menus
- Choose variable values windows
- Mouse-sensitive typeout
- Zmacs-like functions

Menus Menus provide a series of choices from which the user can choose. What kind of choices do you want the user to make, and what features do you want to provide?

#### Choose One

### **Explanation and Reference**

Should the user choose from a menu?

Use the w:menu-choose function, described in paragraph 14.2.4.1, The Most General Function, of the Functions That Create Menus paragraph. w:menu-choose provides the general features of menus and can be used to produce highlighting, dynamic, multicolumn, permanent or temporary menus. This function also enables you to specify the geometry of a menu, specify an abort item to be executed if the user aborts from a menu, specify alignment of menu items, specify sorting of menu items (alphabetically, ascending or descending, or with another sorting algorithm), and enable scrolling, among others.

You can also use w:menu, the analogous resource or flavor, described in paragraph 14.2.6, Flavor and Initialization Options That Define Menus.

Should the user select boxes in columns to indicate choices?

Use the w:multiple-choose function, described in paragraph 14.3.1, Multiple-Choice Functional Interface. w:multiple-choose lets you specify a label for each column, where the menu appears, how many lines are displayed before scrolling is enabled, and the superior of the menu. This menu is always temporary. An example of this type of menu is the Kill or Save Buffers menu in the Zmacs editor.

If the function does not give you the features you want, try using the w:temporary-multiple-choice-window resource or flavor, the w:multiple-choice flavor, or the w:basic-multiple-choice mixin flavor. These flavors are described in paragraph 14.3.2, Making Your Own Multiple-Choice Windows.

Choose-Variable-Values Windows Choose-variable-values windows allow a user to supply values for various variables. Depending on how you program the window, the user can choose one of a list of values, toggle between yes and no, choose from a menu, or enter a new value. You can also program the window to accept only values within a certain limit or values of a particular type. A choose-variable-values window can be either temporary or permanent.

For most purposes, you should be able to use the w:choose-variable-values function, described in paragraph 14.4.2, Choose-Variable-Values Functional Interface. If this function does not provide the features you want, you can use one of the flavors described in paragraph 14.4.4, Making Your Own Window, of the Choose-Variable-Values Facility paragraph.

	Mouse-Sensitive Typeout Some typeout can be mouse-sensitive, such as the List Buffers display of Zmacs. This enables the user to choose an item with the mouse after the item is displayed. Use one of the following features to provide mouse-sensitive typeout:					
Choose One	Explanation and Reference					
Is the output brief enough that you can draw it using a format statement?	Use the -M format directive, described briefly in paragraph 14.5.2. This feature provides mouse sensitivity within the output of a format statement. For more information about the general features of a format statement, see the Explorer Lisp Reference manual.					
Do you want a feature similar to Peek, where each line can be described separately?	Use a general scroll window (described in Section 17) with either w:essential-scroll-mouse-mixin or w:scroll-mouse-mixin as a component of the flavor. If you actually want a Peek window, use the tv:peek-frame flavor.					
Do you want a feature similar to the Inspector?	Use the w:mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-window flavor (described in Section 16). If you actually want an Inspector window or frame, use either the w:inspect-frame-resource or the w:inspect-frame flavor.					
	Zmacs-Like Functions The following are specialized functions that offer features similar to features in the Zmacs editor:					
Choose One	Explanation and Reference					
Is there a string that the user should edit?	Use the zwei:pop-up-edstring function, described in paragraph 18.4.3, Window Flavors for Other Programs.					
Are you asking the user for a pathname that could be partially supplied by default?	Use the zwei:read-defaulted-pathname-near-window function, described in paragraph 18.4.3, Window Flavors for Other Programs.					

### Types of Standalone Windows

1.7.5 The following are some of the kinds of standalone windows that are available. You can either use an instantiation of the flavor by itself, or you can mix other flavors with these windows to provide particular features.

#### Choose One

### **Explanation and Reference**

Do you want a window that is the simplest available?

Use w:minimum-window, described in paragraph 2.4, Basic Window Flavors.

Do you want a window that allows you to use fonts, perform graphics operations, and create labels and borders? Use w:window, described in paragraph 2.4, Basic Window Flavors.

Do you want a window similar to the one just described but whose lines truncate rather than wrap?

Use w:truncating-window, described in paragraph 7.4.4, End-of-Line Exceptions.

Do you want a Lisp Listener?

Use w:lisp-listener for a Lisp Listener than can be selected with the SYSTEM L keystroke sequence. Use w:lisp-interactor for a Lisp Listener than cannot be selected with the SYSTEM L keystroke sequence. These flavors are described in paragraph 18.4.1, Lisp Listeners.

Do you want a Peek window?

Use the tv:peek-frame flavor (described in paragraph 17.8, Peek Flavors). Similar features are available with a general scroll window; use either w:essential-scroll-mouse-mixin or w:scroll-mouse-mixin as a component of the flavor. These flavors are described in paragraph 17.7, Mouse-Sensitive Scroll Windows.

Do you want an Inspector frame?

Use either the w:inspect-frame-resource or the w:inspect-frame flavor (described in paragraph 16.5, Inspector Flavors). Similar features are available with a text scroll window; use the w:mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-window flavor, described in paragraph 16.5, Mouse-Sensitive Text Scroll Windows.

Do you want a Telnet window?

Use either the supdup:telnet flavor or the supdup:telnet-windows resource, described in paragraph 18.4.3, Window Flavors for Other Programs.

Do you want a Zmacs editor?

- For a Zmacs editor that uses the same process as all Zmacs windows in the system, use the zwei:zmacs-frame flavor.
- For a Zmacs editor with a separate process and a permanently visible minibuffer, use the zwei:standalone-editor-window flavor.
- For a Zmacs editor with a separate process that pops up a mode line or a minibuffer when needed, use the zwei:standalone-editor-frame flavor.

All these flavors are described in paragraph 18.4.2, Editor Windows.

### Types of Mixins

1.7.6 Using the following questions, decide what features you want for your window or pane. Note each feature that you want. When you have identified all the features, create your flavor using those mixins or initialization options.

### Choose As Many As Desired

### **Explanation and Reference**

### Include borders?

- To specify the width of a border, use the :borders initialization option or the :set-borders method, described in paragraph 3.3, Borders.
- To specify the width of border margins, use the :border-margin-width initialization option or the :set-border-margin-width method, described in paragraph 3.3, Borders.
- To use a fancy border (one that is not a simple rectangle), create a special drawing function. This process is described in paragraph 3.3.1, Border Functions.

#### Don't include borders?

If your window is the full size of the main screen and you do not want borders, include the w:full-screen-hack-mixin flavor, described in paragraph 3.3.2, Deleting Borders on Full-Screen Windows.

### Symbols related to borders

Constraint frames have their own flavors and mixins that enable or disable borders.

#### Include labels?

- The default label for the window is its name with a numeric counter. You can set a window name by using the :name initialization option, described in paragraph 3.4.1, Names of Windows.
- To specify a label of a particular size, font, vertical spacing, or position, use the :label initialization option or the :set-label method, described in paragraph 3.4.1, Names of Windows.
- To position a label automatically, use the appropriate keyword for the :label initialization option or use either the w:top-label-mixin or the w:centered-label-mixin flavor. The mixins are described in paragraph 3.4.3, Positioning the Label.
- By default, the label of a window is not boxed. To box the label for the window, use one of w:box-label-mixin, w:top-box-label-mixin, or w:centered-box-label-mixin flavor (all described in 3.4.4, Boxing the Label), depending on where the label should appear.

### Symbols related to labels.

Labels on menus and temporary windows are usually defined by a keyword or argument of the functional interface or flavor. See the appropriate function or flavor for the window you are creating.

### Include a bit-save array?

Include the :save-bits initialization option or the :set-save-bits method, described in paragraph 5.6, Bit-Save Arrays.

### Include shadow borders?

Shadow borders are typically used only on temporary windows. To include them on your window, use the w:shadow-borders-mixin, described in paragraph 5.8.1, Flavors and Methods, of the Temporary Windows paragraph.

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## (Continued) Choose As Many As Desired

### **Explanation and Reference**

## What should happen if the window is not fully visible?

Typically, a window that is not fully visible is displayed if it or one of its superiors has a bit-save array. However, you can also choose one of the following behaviors:

- To display the contents of the partially visible window that does not have a bit-save array, use the w:show-partially-visible-mixin.
- To display only the borders of a window with the inside of the window a shade of gray, use either the w:gray-deexposed-right-mixin or the w:gray-deexposed-wrong-mixin.
- To never display the window (even it could become partially visible), until it is first explicitly exposed, use the w:initially-invisible-mixin.

These mixins are all described in paragraph 5.9.3, Control of Partial Visibility.

#### Be selectable?

The user cannot select a window unless you make that window selectable. In general, you can choose to make a window selectable in one of three ways:

- To make the window selectable in and of itself, use the w:select-mixin, described in paragraph 6.2, How Programs Select Windows.
- To make a window selectable by selecting its superior, use w:not-externally-selectable-mixin, described in paragraph 6.3.2, Selection With TERM and SYSTEM Keys.
- To make a window serve as the selected window for all its inferiors, use w:alias-for-inferiors-mixin, described in paragraph 6.3.2, Selection With TERM and SYSTEM Keys.

The last two choices are called selection substitutes.

### Be associated with a process?

To associate a process with a window, use w:process-mixin, described in paragraph 6.6.2, Process-Related Methods and Flavors.

# Should the process, if any, be reset when it tries to write on a window that is not exposed?

Use w:reset-on-output-hold-flag-mixin, described in paragraph 6.6.2, Process-Related Methods and Flavors.

### Should the window accept input?

Use w:stream-mixin, described in paragraph 8.2, Input Buffers. Typically, input windows are appropriate only for windows such as I/O buffers. For windows that can be less restricted than interaction windows or I/O buffers, consider using a temporary input window.

## Use line truncation rather than wrapping?

Use w:line-truncating-mixin, described in paragraph 7.4.4, End-of-Line Exceptions.

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## (Continued) Choose As Many As Desired

### **Explanation and Reference**

### What kind of mouse handling?

When the user clicks the mouse, you can specify whether the system sees a mouse click or a mouse blip (a list that includes the click, the mouse position, and the window).

- To include a mouse click, use w:kbd-mouse-buttons-mixin.
- To include a mouse blip, use w:list-mouse-buttons-mixin.

Both of these flavors are described in paragraph 11.4.2, Encoding Mouse Clicks as Characters.

### Should the window scroll?

Use w:scroll-bar-mixin, described in paragraph 11.8, Scrolling.

### Include graphics?

Use w:graphics-mixin for drawing simple graphics. Use the GWIN flavors for graphic objects and more complicated graphics. These flavors are described in paragraph 12.4, Methods and Flavors to Draw Graphics Images.

If the window is smaller than the main screen, should it be greedy about giving up the mouse? If so, use the w:hysteretic-window-mixin and set the sensitivity of relinquishing the mouse with either the :hysteresis initialization option or the :set-hysteresis method, described in paragraph 11.5, Ownership of the Mouse.

### **BASIC WINDOWS**

### Introduction

2.1 This section briefly describes some of the basics underlying the Explorer window system: its package structure, how to create an instance of a window, and the basic window flavors.

### Window System Packages

- 2.2 The window system code is in three packages:
- The W package contains new code for this release and inherits code from the TV package.
- The TV package contains code from earlier releases.
- The GWIN package contains the code that handles the graphics objects and worlds.

Some symbols have definitions in both the W and the TV packages. In these cases, you should use the code in the W package; it is updated and typically more efficient to use. If desired, you can access the version of the symbol defined in the TV package by including an explicit package prefix. (For example, invoking tv:menu.)

Typically, you can avoid explicitly specifying a package name within code by including the appropriate package name in the file attribute line. Thus, within a file that contains code in the W package, you can omit all the W and TV package prefixes except when you want to use the obsolete (that is, the TV) version of a symbol.

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### Creation of Windows

2.3 When you want to create a flashy and sophisticated user interface, especially involving mouse sensitivity or automatic updating, you should consider creating your own windows (and your own window flavors, perhaps).

To create a window, you should use the make-instance function.

make-instance flavor-name & rest initialization-options

Function

Creates, initializes, and returns a new instance of the specified flavor. The *initialization-options* argument contains alternating keywords and values; the keywords must be initialization options accepted by the flavor you are using. The initialization options accepted by various window flavors are described in this manual.

When executed, this example prompts you for the upper left and lower right corners of the window, then creates an instance of a Lisp Listener with large characters and lots of vertical space between lines.

However, this code only creates an instance; it does not expose or select that instance. (Technically, the window instance is *deactivated*.) To select the window, you must send a :select message to the window instance, as follows:

```
(send my-window :select)
```

You can also expose the window instance at the time of creation by including an :expose-p initialization option with a value of t, as shown in the following code:

For more information on the make-instance function, see the Explorer Lisp Reference manual.

You can also obtain a window from a resource rather than explicitly creating your own. (A *resource* is a pool of interchangeable objects that can be used temporarily and then returned to the pool.) Windows as resources are explained more fully in paragraph 18.7, Window Resources.

### Basic Window Flavors

2.4 All window flavors are ultimately based on the w:minimum-window flavor, which includes the w:sheet flavor component. A simple instantiable flavor often used for testing is the w:window flavor. Applications typically use more special-purpose windows than instances of w:window.

#### w:minimum-window

Flavor

Provides the minimum functionality needed for a window. All existing window flavors are built on the w:minimum-window flavor; you should include this component or a mixin that contains this component in any window flavors that you define. This flavor itself is made of the following components:

w:essential-window w:essential-activate w:essential-expose w:essential-set-edges w:essential-mouse

The w:minimum-window flavor has no methods of its own; all are inherited from these components. At times—such as in the debugger—you may encounter methods of these component flavors. You may also encounter methods of w:sheet, a component of w:essential-window. As a programmer, you usually need not pay attention to the distinctions between these flavors. In this manual, all the methods, instance variables, and initialization options of w:minimum-window are documented as being of windows rather than of any specific flavor.

w:sheet

Flavor

Provides the structure required by the low-level display primitives. w:sheet is a component of w:essential-window. In this manual, methods defined by w:sheet are documented as being of windows and screens.

w:window

Flavor

Includes several mixins that provide most of the generally useful features, including the ability to use fonts, perform graphics operations, and create labels and borders. This flavor is normally used only for testing purposes because it contains everything but the kitchen sink.



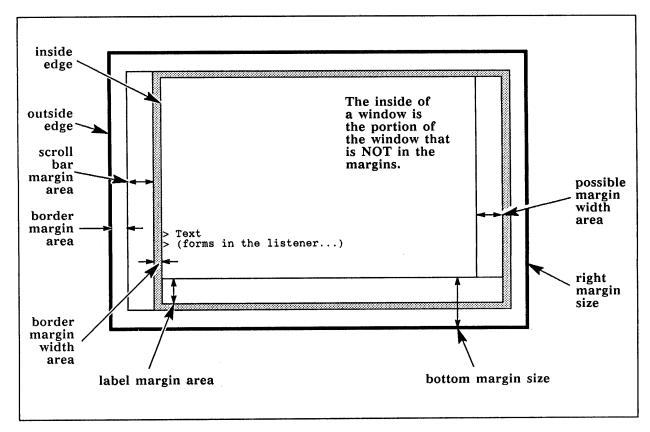
### **OUTSIDE EDGES OF WINDOWS**

### Introduction

- 3.1 Margins are located at the edges of a window. Each edge of a window has a separate margin. Each margin can contain an item such as the following:
- A border, a rectangular box drawn around the window. Borders delineate where a window is drawn on the screen.
- A text string called a *label*, which helps identify the window. Although labels can be inside or outside the borders, the label is usually inside.

These margin items are discussed in this section. Another typical margin item is a scroll bar.

To prevent text from being obscured by the border or by margin items, windows leave a small space—typically one pixel wide—between the border and the text. The width of this space is called a border margin width.



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### Margins

3.2 In a window, margins are the area between the *inside* and *outside* edges of the window. Margins may contain margin regions, which in turn may contain margin items. In any flavor of window, one of the margin items is the innermost; this item is the item closest to the inside part of the window. Each successive margin item is outside the previous one; the last margin item is just inside the edges of the window. Each margin item is created by mixing in a flavor. The flavors you mix in and the order that the flavors are mixed in control what items are in the margins and the order of the items. Margin item flavors closer to the beginning of the component flavor list are closer to the outside of the margins. The w:window flavor has w:borders-mixin and w:label-mixin for components, in that order, so the label is inside the border.

### :margins

Method of windows

Returns four values: the sizes—measured in pixels—of the left, top, right, and bottom margins, respectively. Each value is the sum of the sizes of the borders, labels, and anything else that pertains to that margin. For a window with no margins, all four values are zero.

:left-margin-size
w:sheet-left-margin-size window
:top-margin-size
w:sheet-top-margin-size window
:right-margin-size
w:sheet-right-margin-size window
:bottom-margin-size
w:sheet-bottom-margin-size window

Method of windows
Macro
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Method of windows
Macro

Returns the size of the respective margin in pixels. There are no methods to set these sizes nor initialization options to initialize them. The margin sizes are always computed from the labels, borders, and other margin items as described later in this section.

The macros return the value of the respective sizes of window. The :outside-accessible-instance-variables option of the defflavor function creates these macros.

### **Borders**

3.3 A border is the rectangular box drawn around a window to show where the edges of the window are located.

Borders also include space left between the borders and the inside of the window. The thickness of this space is called the *border margin width*. This space prevents characters and graphics next to the edge of the inside of the window, or the next-innermost margin item, from merging with the border.

You can control the thickness of each of the four borders separately or of all of them together. You can also specify your own function to draw the borders if you want something more elaborate than simple lines.

If your application is running in a color environment, you can also set the color of the border by using the :border-color operation, as explained in paragraph 19.4, Initialization Options and Methods Used With Color Windows.

w:borders-mixin Flavor

Creates the borders around windows that you often see when using the Explorer system.

:borders argument

Initialization Option of w:borders-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: 1.

Initializes the w:borders instance variable to the parameters of the borders. argument can have any of the following values:

- **nil**, which means there are no borders at all.
- Symbols or numbers that apply to each of the four borders. These can be either of the following:
  - A symbol The function that draws and defines the default thickness of the border in pixels.
  - A number The thickness of the border in pixels.
- A list of the form (*left top right bottom*) that specifies each of the borders at the four edges of the window. The items of the list can be any of the following:
  - A symbol The function that draws and defines the default thickness of the border in pixels.
  - A number The thickness of the border in pixels.
  - nil The edge should not have a border.
  - t The border should be drawn by the default function that also defines the thickness of the border in pixels.
- A list of the form (keyword1 spec1 keyword2 spec2...) The borders at the edges selected by the keywords, which can be :left, :top, :right, and :bottom.
- A cons (function . thickness) The function that draws the border and the thickness the border will be.

Note that setting border specifications to a border width of 0 is not the same as giving nil as the argument to this option. When 0 is the specified border width, space is allocated for the border margin width. When nil is the specified border width, space is not allocated.

:border-margin-width n-pixels

Gettable, settable. Default: 1.

Initialization Option of w:borders-mixin

Initializes the w:border-margin-width instance variable to the width of the white space in the margins between the borders and the inside of the window. n-pixels is specified in pixels. If the specification for the border is nil, then :border-margin-width does not produce a border margin, regardless of the value of n-pixels; if the specification for the border is 0, however, :border-margin-width does produce a border margin.

**Border Functions** 

3.3.1 w:draw-rectangular-border is the only border function supplied by the system.

w:draw-rectangular-border window alu left top right bottom

Function

Draws a one-pixel wide border around a window by default.

To define your own border function, create a Lisp function that takes six arguments: the window on which to draw the label, the ALU argument used to draw the label, and the left, top, right, and bottom edges of the area that the border should occupy. The returned value is ignored. The function runs inside the w:sheet-force-access macro. Place a w:default-border-size property on the name of the function whose value is the default thickness of the border; the default thickness is used when a specification is a non-nil symbol.

If you specify a border function in the argument to the :borders message, you should specify both the name of the function and its width, as in the following example that uses the existing border function:

This code prompts you to specify the upper left and lower right corners of the window, then creates and exposes it with a top border 8 pixels thick, a left border 6 pixels thick, a bottom border 4 pixels thick, and a right border 2 pixels thick.

Deleting Borders on Full-Screen Windows

3.3.2

w:full-screen-hack-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:borders-mixin

Offers the user the option of requesting that these windows have no borders when they occupy the full screen. This flavor is included in many system flavors, such as Lisp Listeners and Zmacs frames.

w:flush-full-screen-borders & optional (flush-p t)

**Function** 

Eliminates (when flush-p is t) or reinstates (when flush-p is nil) the borders of all full-screen-sized windows that use the w:full-screen-hack-mixin flavor.

### Labels

3.4 A label is a text string within the margin of a window. It is possible to have more than one line of text within the margin. The default for the label of a window is its name. For example, the label of the initial Lisp Listener is Lisp Listener 1.

### Names of Windows

#### 3.4.1

3.4.2

#### :name name

Initialization Option of w:minimum-window

Gettable. Default: The flavor name and a counter ID

Sets the name of a window to *name*, which can be either a symbol or a string. The main use of the name is for the default value for the label, if there is a label.

### The w:label-mixin Flavor

w:label-mixin

Flavor

Creates the labels in the margins of windows that you often see when using the Explorer system. w:label-mixin allows you to control the text of the label, the font in which the label is displayed, and whether the label appears at the top or bottom of the window.

#### w:label

Instance Variable of w:label-mixin

Describes the label of the window. It is either nil (for no label) or a list of length eight whose elements are one of the following:

- w:label-left, w:label-top, w:label-right, and w:label-bottom The rectangle allocated to the label. All four edges are relative to the window's outside upper left corner.
- w:label-font The font to use for the label.
- w:label-string The string to display in the label.
- w:label-vsp The separation between lines in the label.
- w:label-centered Whether the label should be centered. When w:label-centered is non-nil, the label text is horizontally centered.

#### :label-size

Method of w:label-mixin

Returns the width and height, in pixels, of the area occupied by the label.

### :label specification

Initialization Option of w:label-mixin

Gettable, settable.

Sets the string displayed as the label, the font in which the label is displayed, and whether the label is at the top or the bottom of the window. If you do not specify every parameter, the parameters not specified default to standard values for :label. The :set-label method overwrites any previous specifications. Any parameters not specified use the default values.

By default, the string is the same as the name of the window, the font is the screen's standard font for :label, and the label is at the bottom of the window.

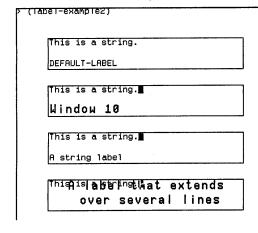
specification can be one of the following:

- nil No label.
- t The label is given all the default characteristics.
- :top The label is put at the top of the window.
- :bottom The label is put at the bottom of the window.
- A string The text displayed in the label.
- A font The font for the text displayed in the label.
- A list of the form (keyword1 arg1 keyword2 ...) The attributes corresponding to the keywords are set; the rest of the attributes default. For keywords that do not require arguments, you do not supply one.

The following keywords can be given:

Keyword and Argument	Description	
:top	The label is put at the top of the window.	
:bottom	The label is put at the bottom of the window.	
:centered	The label is printed horizontally centered, rather than starting at the left edge.	
string string:	The text in the label is the text specified by string.	
:font font-specifier	The font used for the text in the label is specified by <i>font-specifier</i> , which can be any font specifier.	
:vsp n-pixels	When the label has multiple lines, the number of pixels separating the lines is specified by <i>n-pixels</i> .	
:color color	In a color environment, this is the foreground color of the label (that is, the color of the tex of the label).	
:background color	In a color environment, this is the background color of the label (that is, the color behind the text of the label).	

For example, consider the following labels:



```
(defun label-example2 ()
  (setq 11 (make-instance 'w:window
               :label 'default-label
               :top 50
                           :left 50
               :height 50 :width 300))
  (setq 12 (make-instance 'w:window
               :label fonts:bigfnt
               :top 125
                           :left 50
               :height 50 :width 300))
  (setq 13 (make-instance 'w:window
               :label "A string label"
               :top 200
                            :left 50
               :height 50
                            :width 300))
  (setq 14 (make-instance 'w:window
               :label
                          ; A list of keyword-value pairs
                   (:centered
                    :string "A label that extends
                        ; Note the explicit carriage return
over several lines"
                    :font fonts:bigfnt
                    :vsp 5)
               :top 275
                            :left 50
               :height 50
                           :width 300))
  (send l1 :expose)
  (send l1 :string-out "This is a string.")
  (send 12 :expose)
  (send 12 :string-out "This is a string.")
  (send 13 :expose)
  (send 13 :string-out "This is a string.")
  (send 14 :expose)
  (send 14 :string-out "This is a string.")
```

### Positioning the Label 3.4.3

#### w:top-label-mixin

Flavor

Causes the label to appear in the top margin of the window by default instead of at the bottom. The **w:top-label-mixin** flavor does not override an explicit specification of the label position.

#### w:centered-label-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:label-mixin

Centers the label string horizontally within the width of the window. Unlike w:top-label-mixin, the w:centered-label-mixin flavor does override an explicit specification of the label position.

### Boxing the Label

3.4.4 These boxing mixins make the label appear to be in a box by drawing a line, one pixel in width, just on the inside of the label. The other three sides of the box are drawn by the window's borders. Because the existence of a label adjusts the size of the margin and thus the border, the calculations for the border must be made before the adjustment for the label. Therefore, the w:borders-mixin must precede the various boxing mixins or the label appears on top of the border.

### w:box-label-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:label-mixin

Makes the label appear to be in a box by drawing a line just on the inside of the label. This combines with the window's borders, which surround the other three sides of the label, to make a box. The extra line is present only if the

label is turned on. Menus use w:box-label-mixin. For example, any menu you get from the Split Screen option in the System menu shows the label with a box around it.

#### :label-box-p t-or-nil

Initialization Option of w:box-label-mixin

Default: t

Puts a box around the label if t-or-nil is t. If this option is nil, the box around the label is inhibited.

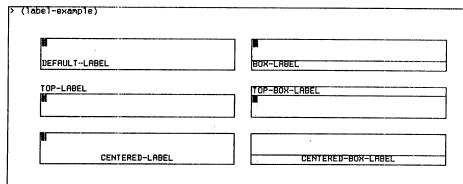
### w:top-box-label-mixin w:bottom-box-label-mixin

Flavor Flavor

Makes the label appear to be in a box, either at the top or the bottom of the window, respectively, by drawing a line just on the inside of the label. These flavors must be combined with the w:borders-mixin flavor.

For example, consider the following labels:

```
; The first window uses the default label for w:window, so it does not have a separate defflavor.
(defflavor wd-top-label () (w:top-label-mixin w:window)
  (:default-init-plist :height 50 :width 300))
(defflavor wd-centered-label () (w:centered-label-mixin w:window)
  (:default-init-plist :height 50 :width 300))
(defflavor wd-bottom-box-label () (w:borders-mixin w:bottom-box-label-mixin w:window)
  (:default-init-plist :height 50 :width 300))
(defflavor wd-top-box-label () (w:borders-mixin w:top-box-label-mixin w:window)
  (:default-init-plist :height 50 :width 300))
(defflavor wd-centered-box-label () (w:borders-mixin w:box-label-mixin
                                       w:centered-label-mixin w:window)
  (:default-init-plist :height 50 :width 300))
(defun label-example ()
  (setq w1 (make-instance 'w:window
                                                    :label 'default-label
                                                    :top 50 :left 50
                                                    :height 50
                                                                         ; For the others, these options
                                                    :width 300))
                                                                         ; are in the default-init-plist.
                                                    :label 'top-label
  (setq w2 (make-instance 'wd-top-label
                                                    :top 125 :left 50))
  (setq w3 (make-instance 'wd-centered-label
                                                    :label 'centered-label
                                                    :top 200 :left 50))
  (setq w4 (make-instance 'wd-bottom-box-label
                                                    :label 'box-label
                                                    :top 50 :left 375))
  (setq w5 (make-instance 'wd-top-box-label
                                                    :label 'top-box-label
                                                    :top 125 :left 375))
  (setq w6 (make-instance 'wd-centered-box-label
                                                    :label 'centered-box-label
                                                    :top 125 :left 375))
  (send w1 :expose) (send w2 :expose) (send w3 :expose)
  (send w4 :expose) (send w5 :expose) (send w6 :expose)
```



### Delaying Redisplay of a Label

3.4.5

w:delayed-redisplay-label-mixin
Required flavor: w:label-mixin

Flavor

:delayed-set-label specification :update-label

Method of w:delayed-redisplay-label-mixin Method of w:delayed-redisplay-label-mixin

Adds the :delayed-set-label and :update-label methods to your window. The :delayed-set-label method changes the label in such a way that the label is not actually displayed until the :update-label method executes. This is especially useful for programs that suppress redisplay when there is type-ahead; the user's commands can change the label several times, and you may want to suppress the redisplay of the changes in the label until there is no type-ahead. Paragraph 8.6.1, I/O Buffers and Type-Ahead, discusses type-ahead.

### w:sheet-label-needs-updating window

Macro

Determines whether the :update-label method should update the label. w:label-needs-updating is non-nil if :delayed-set-label has executed but the updated label has not been displayed yet. The :outside-accessible-instance-variables option of the defflavor function creates this macro.

### Margin Regions

3.5 Margin regions are a general facility for allocating space in a window's margin for specific purposes. Each region can display text or graphics and can be mouse-sensitive. Margin choices are implemented using margin regions.

### w:margin-region-mixin

Flavor

Required flavors: w:essential-mouse, w:essential-window

Gives a window the ability to have margin regions. This allows the window to have separate mouse handling in parts of the margins.

### :set-region-list new-region-list

Method of w:margin-region-mixin

Sets the list of margin regions. The new list should be a list of margin region descriptors as described under w:region-list, but only the first three elements of each descriptor need be filled in. The rest are set up automatically.

### :region-list list-of-descriptors

Initialization Option of w:margin-region-mixin

Sets the list of margin region descriptors. Each descriptor specifies one margin region and is a list of this form:

(function margin size left top right bottom)

The list can be longer than seven, but you must define the meaning of the extra elements. The following table gives the meaning of the seven standard elements and names of the macros provided to access them. Each macro

takes the current region as an argument and returns the margin region object for the current region.

Standard Element	Macro	Description of Macro
function	w:margin-region-function	Handles various operations on the margin region. It is called with a method name as the first argument, so it could be a flavor instance, but no flavors are predefined for the purpose. See paragraph 3.5.1, About w:margin-region-function, for more details.
margin	w:margin-region-margin	The name of the margin that this region lives in; either :left, :top, :right, or :bottom.
size	w:margin-region-size	The thickness in pixels of the margin region, perpendicular to the edge it is next to. (The other dimension is controlled by the size of the window, which can be diminished by space already reserved for other margin items.)
left, top, right, and bottom	w:margin-region-left, w:margin-region-top, w:margin-region-right, and w:margin-region-bottom	The edges of the rectangle assigned to the margin region. If positive, they are relative to the outside upper left corner of the window. If negative, they are relative to the outside lower right corner. These values are computed by the :redefine-margins method, which divides the margin space; they are recorded here so that the margin region can be displayed and found by the mouse.

For example, the :mouse-click method of w:margin-region-mixin, shown following, processes mouse clicks other than double-click right.

The margin region descriptor can be longer than seven. Additional elements are not used by w:margin-region-mixin and therefore can be used by higher-level facilities to record their own information with each margin region.

### w:margin-region-area descriptor

**Function** 

Returns the four edges of the rectangle allocated to the margin region specified by the *descriptor* argument, all relative to the window's outside upper left corner. The w:margin-region-area function can only be used inside of methods of the window whose margin region is being operated on. For example:

## About w:margin-region-function

3.5.1 The w:margin-region-function macro, mentioned in the table on the preceding page, handles various operations on the margin region.

The function of a margin region should handle the following methods (keywords). For all of these, the descriptor argument is described above in the discussion of w:region-list.

- :refresh descriptor The :refresh method should draw this region on the screen in the position specified.
- :mouse-enters-region descriptor Moving the mouse blinker into a region invokes the :mouse-enters-region method.
- :mouse-leaves-region descriptor Moving the mouse blinker out of a region invokes the :mouse-leaves-region method.
- :mouse-moves x y descriptor Moving the mouse blinker while within a region invokes the :mouse-moves method. Moving the mouse blinker into a region also invokes the :mouse-moves method after invoking the :mouse-enters-region method. The x and y arguments specify the new mouse blinker position, relative to the outside of the window.
- :mouse-click x y descriptor mouse-char With the exception of double-click-right, clicking a mouse button on a region invokes the :mouse-click method. If the method does nothing, the mouse click has no effect. The argument mouse-char is like that of the :mouse-click window method.
- :who-line-documentation-string descriptor This method returns a string or list for the mouse documentation window explaining the meaning of mouse clicks when a mouse button is clicked on the item where the mouse blinker is located. The structure of the list is described with the :who-line-documentation-string method in paragraph 11.6, How Windows Handle the Mouse.

Usually, the function is defined to have a case statement with each element being the same as a method name. The margin region descriptor itself is always one of the arguments, to identify the region being operated on.

For example, consider the following code. Note that this code does not implement all the needed code for line areas.

```
(defun line-area-region (op &optional ignore y ignore bd)
  (declare (:self-flavor w:line-area-text-scroll-mixin))
  (case op
     ((:refresh :mouse-moves) nil)
     (:mouse-enters-region
      ;; Change the mouse to a rightward pointing arrow.
    (w:mouse-set-blinker-definition :character 13. 6. :on
                                      :set-character
                                      w:mouse-glyph-thick-right-arrow))
     (:mouse-leaves-region
      ;; Leaving the line area region; change the mouse back.
    (w:mouse-standard-blinker))
     (:mouse-click
      ;; If the mouse is near an item, send a mouse blip indicating
    :: which item it is.
    (let (item line)
           (if (and (>= y (w:sheet-inside-top))
                        (setq line (+ top-item (w:sheet-line-no nil y)))
                        (< line (array-active-length items)))</pre>
            (progn
              (setq item (aref items line))
               (send self :force-kbd-input
                      (:line-area ,item ,self ,bd)))
                (beep))))
     (:who-line-documentation-string
      ;; Display default mouse documentation for line areas.
    (send self :line-area-mouse-documentation))))
```

### Defining Margin Item Flavors

3.5.2 Assume that you want to define something called a *frobboz* that goes in a window's margins in the same way that labels and borders do. You create a flavor called frobboz-margin-mixin that implements the feature.

Your frobboz-margin-mixin flavor should have certain instance variables, which will be used only by the methods of frobboz-margin-mixin, so the instance variables' precise format is up to you. The following examples describe these instance variables:

- The current-frobbozes instance variable should be the specification of what frobbozes this window should have. It might record text to display for the frobbozes, a font to use, and so on.
- The frobboz-margin-area instance variable should record the rectangle within the window where the frobbozes should go. Everything that deals with the location of the frobbozes on the screen should act on the basis of the value of this variable. It is recommended that you use a list of four values: the left, top, right, and bottom edges of the rectangle, all relative to the upper left outside corner of the window.

Some margin mixins have only a single variable whose value is a list containing both the contents and the position of the margin item.

The following example shows how to define your frobboz-margin-mixin flavor. The :before :init method verifies the values of the current-frobbozes instance variable.

Now you must create methods for at least two standard operations to perform margin computation and display, and to interface frobboz-margin-mixin to the rest of the system. These methods are :compute-margins and :refreshmargins. You also may wish to provide the user with a method to change the window's frobbozes. This method should use the :redefine-margins method.

### :compute-margins lm tm rm bm

Method of windows

The system uses :compute-margins to find out how much space is needed in each margin of the window by borders, labels, and anything else. Each flavor that implements a kind of margin item must define a method for it. :compute-margins uses the :pass-on method combination so the values from one method become the arguments to the next. (See the Explorer Lisp Reference manual for a description of the :pass-on method.) The lm, tm, rm, and bm arguments are interpreted as the width in pixels for each margin. Each method increments one or more of these arguments by the amount of space needed by that mixin.

#### :refresh-margins

Method of windows

The :refresh method of tv:minimum-window erases the margins, then calls the :refresh-margins method. The :refresh-margins method and its :before and :after methods redraw the contents of the window margins.

Assume that the frobbozes always go in the left margin. Consequently, it is always the left margin's width that is incremented, and the others are returned just as they were passed. Also assume that frobboz-margin-width is a function you have defined that computes the width of space that the frobbozes need.

In addition to returning modified versions of its arguments, the :compute-margins method also sets up the value of frobboz-margin-area. This is the only place it is necessary to set that variable. By recording the position of each margin item this way, you take into account how one margin item affects the position of the others. For example, the frobbozes might fall inside the borders, and then the *lm*, *tm*, *rm*, and *bm* values will already contain the width of the borders. In this case, frobboz-margin-area describes a rectangle that is within the borders.

The following is one way to define the :compute-margins method:

Usually an additional mixin-specific method is introduced into this method, as follows:

This way, other mixins can be defined to modify where the frobbozes go by replacing the :recalculate-frobboz-margins method.

You must also provide a method for :refresh-margins to draw the frobbozes in the margin. You can assume that the margin is clear to start with.

```
(defmethod (frobboz-margin-mixin :after :refresh-margins) ()
  (w:sheet-force-access (self)
        (draw-frobbozes current-frobbozes frobboz-margin-area)))
```

You may wish to provide the user with a method to change the window's frobbozes. This method should use the :redefine-margins method.

### :redefine-margins

Method of windows

Recomputes how much margin space is needed for all of the margin items by invoking the :compute-margins method and then actually changes the window margin sizes, if necessary.

If the margin sizes have changed, then the window is erased and :refresh-margins is invoked. The w:restored-bits-p instance variable (present in all windows) is left set to nil. If the margin sizes have not changed, no output is done, and w:restored-bits-p remains set to t. All this is done using the :refresh method. For example:

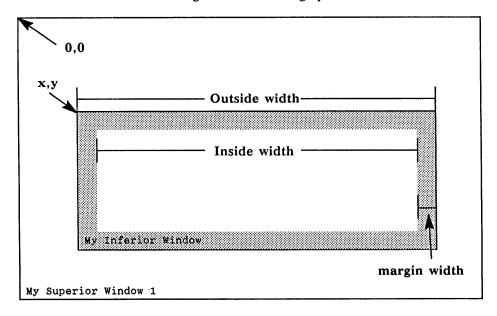
The frobbozes are explicitly erased and drawn when the total sizes of the margins have not changed (and therefore no screen updating has been done), in case the *contents* of the frobbozes have changed.

### SIZES AND POSITIONS

### Introduction

4.1 This section discusses how to examine and set the sizes and positions of windows. Many different methods let you express things in different forms that are convenient in varying applications. Sizes are usually specified in units of pixels. Widths are sometimes referred to in units of characters, and heights are sometimes expressed in units of lines. The number of horizontal pixels in one character is called the *character width*, and the number of vertical pixels in one line is called the *line height*; these two quantities are explained in the introduction to Section 7, Output of Text.

A window has two parts: the inside and the margins. Some of the methods in the following paragraphs deal with the outside size (including the margins), and some deal with the inside size. Margins include borders and labels, while the inside is used for drawing characters and graphics.



## Initialization Options for Sizes and Positions

4.2 Because a window's size and position are usually established when the window is created, this paragraph begins by discussing the initialization options that let you specify the size and position of a new window. For your convenience, there are many ways to express what you want. The idea is that you specify various things, and the window system computes whatever you leave unspecified. For example, if you specify the left edge and the width of a window, the position of the right edge is computed using the left edge and width.

If you do not specify some parameters, defaults are used. Each edge defaults to the corresponding inside edge of the superior window. For example, if you specify the position of the left edge but do not specify the width or the position of the right edge, then the right edge defaults to the inside right edge of

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the superior. If you specify the width but neither edge position, the left edge defaults to the inside left edge of the superior; the same goes for the height and the top edge.

Before a window can be exposed, its position and size must be such that it fits within the *inside* of the superior window. If a window is not exposed, there are no constraints on its position and size; it may overlap its superior's margins or even be outside the superior window altogether.

:left left-edge :x left-edge Initialization Option of windows Initialization Option of windows

Sets the left edge of the window relative to the left edge of the window's superior. *left-edge* specifies the offset of the window's left edge in pixels.

:top top-edge
:y top-edge

Initialization Option of windows Initialization Option of windows

Sets the top edge of the window relative to the top edge of the window's superior. *top-edge* specifies the offset of the window's top edge in pixels.

:position position-list

Initialization Option of windows

Sets the left and top edge of the window relative to the left and top edges of the window's superior. *position-list* is a list of the form (*left-edge top-edge*) where *left-edge* and *top-edge* specify the offset of the window's left and top edges, respectively, in pixels.

:right right-edge

Initialization Option of windows

Sets the right edge of the window relative to the left edge of the window's superior. right-edge specifies the offset of the window's right edge in pixels.

:bottom bottom-edge

Initialization Option of windows

Sets the bottom edge of the window relative to the top edge of the window's superior. bottom-edge specifies the offset of the window's bottom edge in pixels.

:edges edges-list

Initialization Option of windows

Sets the edges of the window. edges-list is a list of the form (left-edge top-edge right-edge bottom-edge) where the values of left-edge, top-edge, right-edge, and bottom-edge specify the new edges of the window in pixels.

NOTE: All edge parameters are relative to the *outside* of the superior window.

:width outside-width :height outside-height :size size-list Initialization Option of windows Initialization Option of windows Initialization Option of windows

Sets the outside width and/or height of the window to the value of the argument(s). The arguments are expressed in pixels. size-list is a list of the form (outside-width outside-height).

:inside-width inside-width :inside-height inside-height :inside-size size-list Initialization Option of windows Initialization Option of windows Initialization Option of windows

Sets the inside width and/or height of the window to the value of the argument(s). The arguments are expressed in pixels. size-list is a list of the form (inside-width inside-height).

:character-width spec :character-height spec Initialization Option of windows Initialization Option of windows

Another way of specifying the width or height of the window. *spec* is either a number of characters or a character string. The inside width or height, respectively, of the window is made wide or high enough to display those characters in the current font.

:integral-p t-or-nil

Initialization Option of windows

Default: nil

Specifies whether the inside dimensions of the window can contain a number of lines (no fractional parts) and characters. If t is specified, the inside dimensions of the window are made to be an integral number of characters wide and lines high by moving the margins to make the window larger.

:edges-from source

Initialization Option of windows

Specifies that the window is to use the edges (position and size) specified by source.

The source argument can be one of the following:

- A string The inside size of the window is made large enough to display the string in the current font.
- A list of the form (left-edge top-edge right-edge bottom-edge) These edges, relative to the superior, are used exactly as if you had used the :edges initialization option.
- :mouse The user is asked to point the mouse to where the top left and bottom right corners of the window should go. (This is what happens when you use the Create command in the System menu.)
- A window That window's edges are copied.

:minimum-width *n-pixels* :minimum-height *n-pixels*  Initialization Option of windows Initialization Option of windows

These initialization options, in combination with the :edges-from :mouse initialization option, specify the minimum size of the rectangle that can be accepted from the user. If the user tries to specify a size smaller than one or both of these minimums, the system sounds a beep and prompts the user to start over again with a new top left corner. *n-pixels* is the minimum width or height in pixels.

### Methods for Sizes and Positions

4.3 The methods discussed in the following paragraphs examine or change the size or position of a window.

- The Option Argument 4.3.1 Many methods that change the window's size or position use an argument called option. This argument deals with new sizes or positions that are not valid. A size may not be valid because it may be so small that there is no room for the margins. If the new width is smaller than the sum of the sizes of the left and right margins, then the new width is not valid. A new setting of the edges is also invalid if the window is exposed and the new edges are not enclosed inside its superior. In all of the methods that use the option argument, option can be either nil or :verify:
  - nil means that you want to set the edges, but if the new edges are not valid, an error should be signaled.
  - :verify means that, rather than changing the edges, you want to check whether the new edges are valid. If the edges are valid, the method with :verify returns t; otherwise, it returns two values: nil and a string explaining what is wrong with the edges.

NOTE: It is valid to set the edges of a deexposed inferior window in such a way that the inferior is not enclosed inside the superior; however, you cannot expose the inferior until it is enclosed inside the superior. This requirement makes it more convenient to change the edges of a deexposed window and all of its inferiors sequentially, because you do not have to be careful about the order in which you change the edges.

### The Methods

4.3.2

:height :width

Method of windows Method of windows

Returns the window's outside height or width, respectively, in pixels.

w:sheet-width window w:sheet-height window

Defsubst **Defsubst** 

Returns the outside width or height of the window identified by window.

You should usually use higher-level methods to deal with edges, since higherlevel methods perform error checking to ensure that you do not inadvertently introduce problems.

When used without an argument, w:sheet-width refers directly to the w:width instance variable; w:sheet-height refers directly to the w:height instance variable. Therefore, these defsubsts must be called from methods or functions that use (declare (:self-flavor ...)).

:size :inside-size Method of windows Method of windows

Returns two values: the width and height in pixels. :size returns the outside measurements; :inside-size returns the inside measurements.

:set-size new-width new-height &optional option :set-inside-size new-inside-width new-inside-height Method of windows
Method of windows

&optional option

Sets the width and height of the window without changing the position of the upper left corner. *new-width* and *new-height* are specified in pixels. :set-size sets the outside size. :set-inside-size sets the inside size, and the margin sizes are recomputed according to their contents. In simple cases, the margin sizes stay the same.

:inside-height w:sheet-inside-height &optional (window self) :inside-width w:sheet-inside-width &optional (window self)

Method of windows
Macro

Method of windows

Macro

Returns the window's inside height or width, respectively, in pixels. window specifies the window whose inside height or width, respectively, is to be determined.

When used without an argument, these macros refer directly to the instance variables containing the locations of the window margins and size, and therefore they must be called from methods or functions that use (declare (:self-flavor ...)).

:position

Method of windows

Returns two values: the x and y positions of the upper left corner of the window, in pixels, relative to the superior window.

:set-position new-x new-y &optional option

Method of windows

Sets the x and y position of the upper left corner of the window, in pixels, relative to the superior window's coordinate system.

w:sheet-inside-left &optional (window self)
w:sheet-inside-top &optional (window self)
w:sheet-inside-right &optional (window self)
w:sheet-inside-bottom &optional (window self)

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Returns the position of the respective inside edge of the window, relative to the top left outside corner of the window. If used with no argument, these macros expand into direct references to instance variables and therefore can be used only within methods or (declare (:self-flavor ...)) functions.

:edges :inside-edges Method of windows Method of windows

Returns four values: the left, top, right, and bottom edges, in pixels. The :edges method returns the outside edges relative to the superior window; the :inside-edges method returns the inside edges relative to the top left corner of this window. The :inside-edges method can be useful for clipping, that is, truncating the portions of images that would appear outside a certain boundary.

NOTE: See paragraph 4.3.1, The *option* Argument, for an explanation of the *option* argument.

:set-edges new-left new-top new-right new-bottom &optional option

Method of windows

:inferior-set-edges window new-left new-top new-right new-bottom & optional option Method of windows

Sets the edges of the window to the values of the arguments, in pixels. For :set-edges, the values are relative to the superior window. For :inferior-set-edges, the window specified by window is an inferior of the window being sent the :inferior-set-edges message; the edge values are relative to window's superior.

### :center-around x y

Method of windows

Positions the window so that its center is as close to the point (x,y) as possible without hanging off an edge. :center-around does not change the size of the window. The coordinates are in pixels relative to the superior window.

### :change-of-size-or-margins &rest options

Method of windows

The primitive method for changing a window's size or the size of its margins. All the other methods that do this call :change-of-size-or-margins after the other methods have done error checking.

You should not use the :change-of-size-or-margins method to manipulate a window directly. Instead, you should use :set-size or another higher-level method to change size and use flavors that compute the margins (such as w:borders-mixin) to manage margin sizes. However, the :change-of-size-or-margins method is a good place to add :after methods to recompute other data structures or change the size of inferiors according to the window's new size. In the :after method, the window's size and margins will already be altered to their new values.

Two related symbols, the :expose-near method and the w:position-window-next-to-rectangle function, are described in paragraph 5.7.3, Symbols That Manipulate Screen Arrays and Exposure.

### Low-Level Edges Functions

**4.4** The following low-level instance variables, macros, and functions should be used with care. Although these primitives may be very fast, they may only do one thing—which may not be sufficient to complete a task. You should typically use the methods discussed previously to examine or alter the sizes and positions of windows.

### w:x-offset w:y-offset

Instance Variable of windows Instance Variable of windows

Sets the x or y position of the window's outside left edge relative to the window's superior.

w:sheet-x-offset window w:sheet-y-offset window

Defsubst Defsubst

Returns the x or y offset of the window identified by window.

You should usually use higher-level methods to deal with edges, because higher-level methods perform error checking to ensure that you do not inadvertently introduce problems.

### w:sheet-calculate-offsets window superior

Function

Returns, as two values, the x and y positions of a window's upper left corner in its superior. If window and superior are the same window, the values are 0. window must be an indirect inferior of superior zero or more levels down.

### w:sheet-number-of-inside-lines &optional (window self)

Macro

Returns the number of lines (of height equal to w:line-height) that fit in the inside height of window.

When used without an argument, this function refers directly to the instance variables containing the locations of the window margins and size, and therefore it must be called from methods or functions that use (declare (:self-flavor ...)).

### w:sheet-overlaps-p window left top width height w:sheet-overlaps-edges-p window left top right bottom

Function Function

Calculates the position of the window edges using the last four arguments. Both functions return t if window overlaps the specified rectangle. The edges specified are relative to the superior of window.

### w:sheet-overlaps-sheet-p window-a window-b

Function

Returns t if window-a and window-b overlap. This is a geometric test; it does not matter where the two windows are in the hierarchy.

### w:sheet-within-p window left top right bottom

**Function** 

Calculates the position of the window edges using *left*, *top*, *right*, and *bottom* and returns **t** if *window* is contained within the specified rectangle relative to the superior of *window*.

### w:sheet-within-sheet-p window outer-window

Function

Returns t if window is within outer-window. This is a geometric test; it does not matter where the two windows are in the hierarchy.

### w:sheet-bounds-within-sheet-p left top width height outer-window

**Function** 

Calculates the position of the window edges using *left*, *top*, *width*, and *height* and returns t if the specified rectangle is within *outer-window*. The edges are specified relative to the superior of *outer-window*.

### w:sheet-contains-sheet-point-p window top-window x y

**Function** 

Returns t if window contains the point specified by x and y in the superior identified by top-window.

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### VISIBILITY AND EXPOSURE

### Introduction

- 5.1 This section explains the two most important aspects of a window: whether it is visible on the screen and whether it is exposed. Understanding these concepts is essential if you use the window system.
- A visible window is displayed, either completely or partially, on the video display. Windows that are only partially visible are overlapped by another window.
- An *exposed* window can accept output. All fully visible windows are exposed. A window that is not fully visible can be exposed if it has a *bit-save array*, an array that saves the *contents* of the window.

If a fully visible window does not completely cover the video display, the screen manager determines what window is partially visible according to a strict hierarchy. The hierarchy takes into account things such as the priority assigned to a window and which window was last visible.

Figure 5-1 shows an example of overlapping windows. Both Lisp Listener 2 and Lisp Listener 3 windows are exposed, and both overlap Lisp Listener 1.

fully visible window

fully visible window

Lisp Listener 2

Lisp Listener 1

partially visible window

main screen

mouse documentation window status line

The part of the hierarchy that is immediately inferior to the main screen includes the frames and windows that, when visible, usually cover the main portion of the video display. This part of the hierarchy is commonly referred to as the *stack*. Each frame in the stack includes its panes as inferiors.

You can show the hierarchy of windows by examining the Windows option of the Peek utility. For example, the following is part of the hierarchy for the system that contains the three Lisp Listeners shown in Figure 5-1. Note that the topmost window in the stack is currently the Peek window, followed by Lisp Listener 3, Lisp Listener 2, and then Lisp Listener 1. Other windows are automatically created by the Explorer system when you boot.

```
Screen Main Screen
Peek Frame 1
Basic Peek 1
Dynamic Highlighting Command Menu Pane 1
Dynamic Highlighting Command Menu Pane 2
Lisp Listener 3
Lisp Listener 2
Lisp Listener 1
Suggestions Frame Off 1
Menu Manip Strip 3
```

The screen manager continually updates the frames in the stack as the user selects different frames.

#### Screens

5.2 Screens, which are at the top of the window hierarchy, are instances of the w:screen flavor. Each screen object usually represents an individual piece of display hardware. However, the main black-and-white video display that all Explorers have is logically divided into two screens, with different screen objects: the w:main-screen at the top and the w:who-line-screen on the bottom. An example of these is shown in Figure 5-1. Because these are separate screens, windows on the main screen cannot be extended onto the who-line screen, the mouse cannot move onto the who-line screen, and so on.

### w:screen

Flavor

Screens are also flavor instances whose flavors incorporate w:screen. Screens are not windows, but they have much in common with windows because both incorporate the w:sheet flavor. There is only one w:sheet-area for each hardware display.

#### w:sheet-area

Variable

The area in which windows are created by default. For a discussion of areas, see the section about storage management in the *Explorer Lisp Reference* manual.

### w:sheet-get-screen window &optional highest

Function

Returns window if window is a screen; otherwise, returns the screen that is the ultimate superior of window. In other words, w:sheet-get-screen searches for the highest level superior of window that is either a screen or is not active. window identifies the window or screen where w:sheet-get-screen begins the search for the screen. If highest is non-nil, inferiors of highest are treated like screens.

### w:main-screen

Variable

The screen object representing the Explorer black-and-white display, except for the who-line screen.

### w:who-line-screen

Variable

The screen object representing the who-line screen. Each field of the who-line is a separate window on this screen.

### w:default-screen

Variable

The default superior for windows created with the make-instance function. It is initialized to be the main screen.

### w:all-the-screens

Variable

A list of all screen objects. Using the contents of w:all-the-screens, you can search through all the active windows, much like the w:map-over-sheets function does. The following is a typical value for w:all-the-screens:

(#<STANDARD-SCREEN Main Screen 3340126 exposed> #<WHO-LINE-SCREEN Who Line Screen 4300000 exposed>)

### Hierarchy of Windows

5.3 Windows are arranged in a hierarchy, each window having one direct superior and a list of inferiors. The top of the window hierarchy is a screen. Windows can have several indirect superiors; however, the window has only one *direct* superior.

Each superior keeps a list of all of its active inferiors using the w:inferiors instance variable. Each inferior window keeps track of its superior using the w:superior instance variable. Superior windows do not keep track of their inactive inferiors; this allows unused windows to be reclaimed by the garbage collector. When a window is deactivated, the window system does not use it until it is activated again.

If you deactivate a window, the pointer to the window is removed from the w:inferiors instance variable kept by the window's superior. If there is no other reference to the window, the window can be reclaimed by the garbage collector. To prevent the garbage collector from reclaiming a deactivated window, put a pointer to the window in a variable. In this way, you can reactivate the window should you need to.

Inactive windows are never visible; a window must become active to be visible.

For example, when the Inspector window is invoked using the SYSTEM I keystroke sequence, the superior of the Inspector window is the screen, and the subwindows in the Inspector window are inferiors of the Inspector window. The screen itself has no superior (if you ask for its superior, nil is returned). You can examine the window hierarchy from the Peek utility. If

you first select the Inspector and then Peek, Peek displays something similar to the following:

```
Screen Main Screen
Peek Frame 1
Basic Peek 1
Dynamic Highlighting Command Menu Pane 1
Dynamic Highlighting Command Menu Pane 2
Inspect Frame 2
Inspect Window 4
Inspect Window 3
Inspect Window With Typeout 2
Inspector Interaction Pane 2
Inspector Pane Menu 2
Inspect History Window 2
```

Normally, the Edit Screen command from the System menu edits the arrangement of the windows on a screen, but it can also edit the arrangement of inferiors (panes) of a window in the same fashion.

The Edit Screen item, then, manipulates a set of inferiors of a specific superior, which may or may not be a screen. The set of inferiors is called the active inferiors set; that is, each inferior in this set is said to be active. The active inferiors can be visible on their superior. If no two active inferiors overlap, there is no problem; they can all be exposed. This is the case for the panes within the Peek frame and the Inspector frame. However, when two inferiors overlap, only one of them can be exposed. The screen manager chooses which inferior to expose. The Edit Screen item of the System menu lets you override this choice.

The following symbols affect the hierarchy of windows.

### :superior superior

Initialization Option of windows and screens

Gettable, settable. Default: w:default-screen, which is initially the main screen.

### w:sheet-superior window-or-screen

Macro

Returns either the superior of this window, or nil for a screen. The macro can access the instance variable to get or change the value of the variable, depending on how the macro is used in code.

#### :inferiors

Method of windows and screens

Default: nil

w:sheet-inferiors window-or-screen

Macro

Returns a list of the active inferiors. The macro can access the instance variable to get or change the value of the variable, depending on how the macro is used in code.

```
> (w:sheet-inferiors w:who-line-screen)
(#<WHO-LINE-SHEET Who Line Sheet 5 4300063 exposed>
#<WHO-LINE-FILE-SHEET Who Line File Sheet 1 4300140 exposed>
#<WHO-LINE-SHEET Who Line Sheet 4 4300220 exposed>
#<WHO-LINE-SHEET Who Line Sheet 3 4300275 exposed>
#<WHO-LINE-SHEET Who Line Sheet 2 4300352 exposed>
#<WHO-LINE-SHEET Who Line Sheet 1 4300427 exposed>)
```

### w:sheet-me-or-my-kid-p window me

Function

Returns t if window is equal to the window me or if window is an inferior of me (that is, if window is in the w:inferiors instance variable for me). Inferiors are sometimes referred to as descendants, hence the kid in w:sheet-me-or-my-kid-p.

:activate

Method of windows

Makes the window active in its superior by putting a pointer to the window in the w:inferiors instance variable of the window's direct superior.

:activate-p &optional t-or-nil

Initialization Option of windows and screens

Specifying this option as non-nil when you create a window causes the created window to be active. *t-or-nil* specifies whether the window will be activated when the window is created. The following cases are possible:

Value	Action
No value	The window is created but not activated. You can use :expose-p to force activation.
t	The window is activated when it is created.
nil	The window is created but not activated. You can use either :activate-p or :expose-p to activate the window.

:active-p t-or-nil

Method of windows and screens

Returns t if this window is active in its superior. A screen is always considered active.

:deactivate

Method of windows

Deactivates a window by removing any reference to the window from the w:inferiors instance variable of the window's superior.

:kill

Method of windows

Deactivates and also makes a positive effort to get rid of other entities that may be associated with the window (such as processes or network connections). If a window has associated entities, garbage collection alone may not be satisfactory. Therefore, :kill is preferable to :deactivate.

### **Lists of Windows**

5.4 The following functions provide ways to manipulate lists of windows (windows are also called sheets). The w:map-over-exposed-sheets and w:map-over-exposed-sheet functions map only exposed windows. The w:map-over-sheets and w:map-over-sheet functions perform in a similar manner, except they map over active windows.

### w:map-over-exposed-sheets function

**Function** 

Calls the function identified by function on every exposed sheet, starting with the screens, their inferiors, and so on down the hierarchy.

The following example defines a function that prints out the name, height, and width for each window. The argument to this new function is a single

window. The w:map-over-exposed-sheets function calls this function once for each exposed window.

If Lisp Listener 1 is the only exposed window, the example returns the following. If other windows are exposed, you get a different output.

```
Window is Lisp Listener 1, height=734, width=1024 Window is Main Screen, height=754, width=1024 Window is Who-Line Sheet 5, height=37, width=1024 Window is Who-Line File Sheet 1, height=14, width=512 Window is Who-Line Sheet 4, height=14, width=168 Window is Who-Line Sheet 3, height=14, width=80 Window is Who-Line Sheet 2, height=14, width=104 Window is Who-Line Sheet 1, height=14, width=160 Window is Who-Line Screen, height=54, width=1024
```

Note that this example was defined using lambda notation. The special notation, sharp-sign single quote (#'), tells the Lisp interpreter or compiler that the next expression is a function that can be evaluated.

### w:map-over-exposed-sheet function window w:map-over-sheet function window

Function Function

Calls function on window and on every exposed inferior (for w:map-over-exposed-sheet) or on every active inferior (for w:map-over-sheet) of window to all levels. window is the window or screen level where the function begins execution.

For example, if you print the height and width of the exposed windows using the following code:

Depending on the windows active in your system, the output may look like the following:

```
Window is Menu Manip Strip 3, height=18, width=1022
Window is Suggestions Frame Off 1, height=20, width=1024
Window is Lisp Listener 1, height=734, width=1024
Window is Main Screen, height=754, width=1024
```

#### w:map-over-sheets function

**Function** 

Calls function on every active window, starting with the screens, their inferiors, and so on down the hierarchy.

For example, suppose you print the names of the active windows using the following code:

Then, depending on the windows active in your system, the output may look like the following:

```
Lisp Listener 1
Menu Manip Strip 3
Suggestions Frame Off 1
Editor Typeout Window 3
Edit: MH: WEBB; *.*#* (1)
Typein Window 4
Zwei Mini Buffer 6
Mode Line Window 3
Menu Manip Strip 1
Menu Manip Strip 2
Label Pane Manip Strip 1
Nice Scrolling Suggestions Window 1
Suggestions Frame 1
Main Screen
Who Line Sheet 5
Who Line File Sheet 1
Who Line Sheet 4
Who Line Sheet 3
Who Line Sheet 2
Who Line Sheet 1
Who Line Screen
```

### **Pixels**

5.5 A screen displays an array of picture elements (pixels). Each pixel is a little dot of some brightness; a screen displays a big array of these dots to form a picture. Everything you see on the screen, including borders, graphics, characters, and blinkers, is made from pixels.

Each physical screen has a display memory that stores the values of all the pixels. On regular black-and-white screens, each pixel has one of only two values: lit or unlit. Thus, the pixel is represented in memory by one bit. Usually 0s are used for the background of a window, and the characters or lines on it are made of 1s. So 1 can be considered on and 0 off.

Black-and-white screens have a hardware flag that controls the visual appearance of 1 and 0 pixels. In *black-on-white* mode, 1 is dark and 0 is bright, so windows appear with dark text on a white background. This mode is the default. In *white-on-black* mode, 1 represents white and 0 represents black. Users can switch between these modes using the TERM C keystroke sequence.

An individual window can specify 1 for background and 0 for text; this is independent of white-on-black mode (which applies to the whole screen) and is requested with the :reverse-video-p initialization option or the :set-reverse-video-p method. These work by controlling the arithmetic logic unit (ALU) arguments used for drawing and erasing characters. Programs that use the window's recommended ALU arguments for their drawing and erasing will automatically display in reverse video. The mouse documentation window is an example of a window that uses reverse video.

On a color monitor running in a color environment, each pixel can have one of 256 values, ranging from 0 to 255. Thus, a pixel is no longer just on or off, black or white, or 0 or 1, but rather it is an integer with a range of values.

The color controller actually generates 24 bits of color information per 8-bit pixel to drive the color monitor. These 24 bits are composed of 8 bits for RED, 8 bits for GREEN, and 8 bits for BLUE.\* So, each of the three colors (R, G, and B) can take on one of 256 values, with 0 being completely off and 255 being full strength. Thus, taken in all possible combinations, there are over 16 million possible colors. Since each pixel can take on one of 256 possible values, each 8-bit pixel value is translated by the hardware into a 24-bit RGB value by indexing into a data table called the Color Look-Up Table (LUT). Thus, up to 256 different colors can be displayed on the color monitor.

Note that the color associated with an integer may change as the contents of the LUT change. This integer value is referred to as either the *logical color* of a pixel or the *pixel value*. The value generated by the LUT that corresponds to the logical color is the *physical color*.

In a color environment, reverse video is achieved by transposing the values of the foreground and background colors instead of by manipulating ALUs. For details on color, refer to Section 19, Using Color.

### w:black-on-white

**Function** 

Displays 1-bits as black, and 0-bits as white. (This is the default mode.) This function works by setting a bit in the display hardware.

### w:white-on-black

Function

Makes the monitor display 1-bits as white and 0-bits as black.

### w:complement-bow-mode

**Function** 

In a monochrome environment, this function switches between displaying 1-bits as white or as black. (The bow in the name is an abbreviation of black-on-white.) The TERM C keystroke sequence uses this function.

### :complement-bow-mode

Method of windows

In a color environment, this method transposes the values of the foreground and background colors for the window.

### w:bits-per-pixel

Instance Variable of w:screen

For a black-and-white screen, one bit per pixel.

<sup>\*</sup> The RGB model for representing color is based on the three color photoreceptors in the human eye, which detect either red, green, or blue. The RGB model is not based on the three primary colors red, blue, and yellow, which many people might expect.

### :reverse-video-p *t-or-nil*

Initialization Option of windows

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets the use of reverse video display. When *t-or-nil* is **t** in a monochrome environment, the background of the window is black; when *t-or-nil* is **nil**, the background of the window is white.

When *t-or-nil* is t in a color environment, the background color of the window is the value of the window's background color instance variable; when *t-or-nil* is nil in a color environment, the background color of the window is the value of the window's foreground color instance variable.

The :reverse-video-p initialization option is separate from the whole screen's reverse video mode. In a monochrome environment, the TERM C keystroke sequence sets the whole screen's reverse video mode. In a color environment, the :complement-bow-mode method sets the whole screen's reverse video mode.

#### w:buffer

Instance Variable of w:screen

The address of the screen memory; the address is stored as a fixnum.

NOTE: The w:buffer and w:buffer-halfword-array instance variables are used during system initializations and are not intended to be changed by the user.

### w:buffer-halfword-array

Instance Variable of w:screen

An art-16b array containing the screen memory.

### **Bit-Save Arrays**

5.6 The pixel values that make up a window's screen image are called its contents. When a window is fully visible, its contents are displayed on a screen so they can be seen. When a window is not fully visible, its contents are lost unless there is a place to save them. Such a place is called a bit-save array.

A bit-save array is an array of bits large enough to hold a copy of the contents of the window. If a window has a bit-save array, its contents are copied into the array when the window ceases to be fully visible. If the window becomes fully visible again, the contents are copied from the bit-save array back onto the screen. During the interim, programs can use the w:sheet-force-access macro to output to the bit-save array while the window is not visible, and the window's inferiors, if any, can be exposed and do output. (See paragraph 5.7, Screen Arrays and Exposure.)

When a window with a bit-save array is partially visible, the visible parts can be displayed correctly by copying them from the bit-save array. This occurs when a small window is completely surrounded by a full-screen window, such as the initial Lisp Listener, as shown in Figure 5-1. The visible parts of the larger window are copied from the window's bit-save array.

If a window does not have a bit-save array, there is no place to put its contents when it is not visible, so they are lost. When the window becomes visible again, it tries to redraw its contents, that is, to regenerate the contents

from state information in the window. This is done by the :refresh method documented later. Some windows can do this; for example, editor windows can regenerate their contents based on the editor buffers they are displaying. Other windows, such as Lisp Listeners, cannot regenerate their previous contents. Such windows simply leave their contents blank, except for the margins, which all windows can regenerate.

The advantage of having a bit-save array is that losing and regaining visibility does not require the contents to be regenerated; this feature is desirable because regeneration may be computationally expensive, or even impossible. The disadvantage is that copying the bit-save array to disk and returning it to memory may take too much time.

Furthermore, bit-save arrays on a color system are eight-bit arrays, which require more memory, so their use should be limited.

When a frame is in use, giving the frame a bit-save array enables the contents of the frame and all the panes to be preserved if the frame ceases to be fully visible. Bit-save arrays for the panes would be needed only if panes were shuffled or substituted within the frame. In most applications, this situation rarely happens, but if it does, it is accompanied by a complete redisplay. Thus, the frame normally gets a bit-save array and the panes do not.

### w:bit-array w:sheet-bit-array window

Instance Variable of windows
Macro

The window's bit array if the window has a bit array. If the window does not have a bit array, the w:bit-array instance variable is nil. The macro can access the instance variable to get or change the value of the variable, depending on how the macro is used in code.

### :save-bits flag

Initialization Option of windows

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Determines whether the bits are saved and when the bit-save array is created, if the bits are to be saved. flag can be t, nil, or :delayed:

- t causes the bits to be saved.
- nil causes the bits not to be saved.
- :delayed causes the window to create a bit-save array the first time it is deexposed, but not before.

### :refresh & optional (type :complete-redisplay)

Method of windows

Restores the saved contents of the window or regenerates the contents, according to the value of type and whether the window has a bit-save array.

If you define your own window flavor—or redefine a standard window flavor—you should include :after methods so the :refresh method can complete the job of redrawing a window. Unless you do this, the system may redraw the window in a manner you do not want. When these :after methods run, the w:restored-bits-p instance variable is non-nil if the window contents were restored from a bit-save array. If this is so, the :after methods need not do anything unless the window's inside size has changed. type determines

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how the window uses its bit-save array. The following keywords are the possible values of *type*:

- **complete-redisplay** specifies that window's current bit image be completely discarded and regenerated from scratch. The margins are redrawn by invoking the :refresh-margins method. The default definition of :refresh leaves the inside portion of the window blank except for refreshing any exposed inferiors. If the window has no bit-save array, type is ignored and the actions for :complete-redisplay are always used.
- **use-old-bits** specifies that the complete contents are restored from the bit-save array. This is specified by the system when a window is exposed.
- **size-changed** is a flag that indicates that the window size has been changed. The contents are restored from the bit-save array, and then the margins are refreshed with the :refresh-margins method.
- \*\*margins-only is a flag that indicates that only the borders have changed. You should use this keyword when the inside portion of the window is completely undisturbed and only the margins need to be refreshed. The system treats :margins-only just like :size-changed.

### w:restored-bits-p

Instance Variable of windows

Indicates whether the contents of the window have been restored. If w:restored-bits-p is nil, the inside of the window was left blank and must be regenerated to whatever extent possible. In the :after methods of the :refresh method (and therefore also of the :expose method), w:restored-bits-p is t if the contents were restored from a bit-save array.

# Screen Arrays and Exposure

5.7 Screen arrays and exposure control how the system decides where to put a window's contents (its pixels), how the notion of visibility on the screen is extended into a hierarchy of windows, and how programs can control which windows are visible.

### Concepts of Screen Arrays

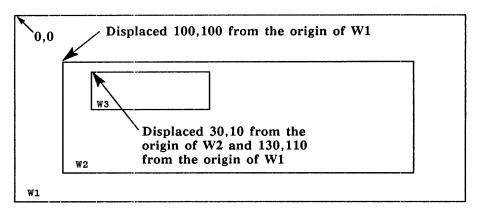
**5.7.1** Each window or screen can have a *screen array*, which is where output to the window should be drawn. Drawing characters or graphics is done by changing pixels of the window's screen array. The screen array is stored in the w:screen-array instance variable. If the variable is nil, the window does not have a screen array now.

A screen array is normally put in the special memory used by the hardware to display the screen. A visible window has a screen array; the array is an indirect array that points into the area of the superior's screen array where the inferior is displayed on the superior. For example, consider a visible window whose superior is a screen and whose upper left corner is at location 100,100 in the screen. The window's screen array would be an indirect array whose 0,0 element is the same as the 100,100 element of the screen; that is, every pixel of the visible window is displaced by 100,100. If you set a pixel at the visible window coordinates x,y, the system adds 100 to each coordinate and sets the pixel corresponding to x + 100,y + 100 in the screen array. The following figure shows this displacement.

A visible window more than one level down from the screen has a screen array that is displaced more than once. If the visible window is displayed on its superior at the superior's coordinates of 50,50 and the visible window's

superior is displayed at its superior's—assume the superior is the screen—coordinates 100,100, the system puts all pixels located at coordinates x,y in the visible window at 100 + 50 + x,100 + 50 + y on the screen. The window's screen array points into the middle of its superior's screen array, which points into the middle of the superior's superior's screen array, and so on until the main screen is reached. When typeout is done on the window, the typeout appears on the screen, offset by the combined offsets of all the ancestors, so that it appears in the correct absolute position on the screen.

The following figure illustrates the idea of displacement by showing the screen and two windows: the first window is displaced 100 pixels down and 100 pixels to the right of the screen's top left corner; the second window is displaced 10 pixels down and 30 pixels to the right of its superior's top left corner.



## Concepts of Exposure

5.7.2 An *exposed* window can accept output. Most visible windows are also exposed, but not all exposed windows are visible. If an exposed window is not visible, you can still output to its bit-save array. If that window does not have a bit-save array, but an ancestor of that window does have one, output goes to the ancestor's bit-save array. If an exposed window is not visible, output to that window is not visible either until the window becomes visible.

The :expose method makes a window exposable; it does not automatically expose the window. If, at the time a window is made exposable, its superior has a screen array (that is, if its superior is visible), the window actually becomes exposed.

If the superior of a window that is exposable, but not currently exposed, later acquires a screen array, the window becomes exposed at that time. The superior can acquire a screen array by being exposed, or the superior can be given a bit-save array with the :set-save-bits method.

Having a superior exposable but not exposed is simple to demonstrate. To show this, follow these steps:

- 1. Select the Inspector by pressing SYSTEM I or by selecting it from the System menu.
- 2. Select the Peek utility by pressing SYSTEM P or by selecting it from the System menu.

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3. Select the window option of the Peek utility by pressing W (for window) or by selecting the Window item from the command menu.

The system displays all active windows, including the Inspector frame and each of its inferior panes.

4. Click on the name of one of the Inspector windows in the list of windows.

The system displays a menu of actions that can be performed on this object.

5. Select the Describe item.

In the first line of the display, the system describes the pane as exposed. The pane itself, however, is not visible. Thus, the pane is exposable but not exposed.

The panes actually become exposed when their ancestor (the Inspector frame) acquires a screen array.

The :deexpose method makes a window not exposed; such a window must be explicitly exposed again with an :expose method. What happens when you attempt to output to a deexposed window depends on the window's deexposed typeout action (described in paragraph 7.4.1). You can override this action by using the w:sheet-force-access macro.

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w:sheet-force-access (window ignore) &body body

Macro

Executes body, outputting to window whether window is exposed or not. Thus, code within body can output even if window does not ordinarily allow output while deexposed. If window is deexposed and has no bit array, then body is not executed at all, but window refreshes completely when it is exposed.

:expose & optional inhibit-blinkers bits-action new-left new-top

Method of windows and screens

Makes the window exposable and exposed, if possible. If the window is not active in its superior, it is first activated. A window cannot be made exposable unless its full size fits within the superior.

This is a very useful method to attach :before and :after methods to, but remember that this method can be performed only on a window that is already exposable. The :before and :after methods must not make the assumption that the window is becoming exposable.

The arguments to the :expose method are supplied by the system and are usually of interest only to the system's methods. User invocations of this method usually should supply no arguments.

:expose-near mode & optional (warp-mouse-p t) Method of windows w:expose-window-near window mode & optional (warp-mouse-p t)

(expose-p t) Function

If the window is not exposed, changes the window's position according to *mode* and exposes it using the :expose method. If the window is already exposed, does nothing.

Arguments: mode - A list that can be one of the following:

- $\blacksquare$  :point x y positions the window so that its center is at the point x,y, in pixels, relative to the upper left corner of the superior window, or as close as possible without hanging off an edge of the superior. The mouse blinker moves to the superior window's x,y coordinates.
- :mouse is like the :point mode, but the x and y come from the current mouse blinker position instead of the arguments. This keyword behaves like pop-up windows (such as the System menu). In addition, if warp-mouse-p is non-nil, the mouse blinker is warped to the center of the window. (The mouse blinker moves only if the window is near an edge of its superior; otherwise, the mouse blinker is already at the center of the window.)
- window window-1 window-2 window-3... positions the window next to but not overlapping the rectangle that is the bounding box of all the arguments to :window. You must provide at least one argument. Usually, you specify only one window; thus, the window is positioned touching one edge of that specified window. In addition, if warp-mouse-p is non-nil, the mouse blinker is warped to the center of the window.
- :rectangle *left top right bottom* specifies a rectangle, in pixels, relative to the superior window. The window is positioned near but not overlapping the rectangle. In addition, if *warp-mouse-p* is non-nil, the mouse blinker is warped to the center of the window.

warp-mouse-p — Determines whether the mouse blinker moves to the center of the window on which the :expose-near method operates, according to the value of mode.

expose-p — For the w:expose-window-near function, determines whether the window is exposed. If expose-p is non-nil, the window is exposed.

### w:position-window-next-to-rectangle window position left top right bottom

Function

Moves window near the rectangle specified by left, top, right, and bottom. left, top, right, and bottom specify a rectangle using the inside pixel coordinates of window's superior.

Unlike the :expose-near method, this function aligns the window with the rectangle, and other alternatives are attempted depending on the suggested position. The :expose-near method does not allow a suggested position.

position is a keyword or a list of keywords that indicates where to put the window. Possible values for position are :above, :below, :left, or :right; or a list of these keywords. If position is a single keyword and there is not enough room to place the window without obscuring the rectangle, then the alter-

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natives shown in the following table are attempted in order of most preferable to least. If *position* is a list, then only those alternatives are attempted.

Initial Preference	——— Al First	ternative Preferences Second	Third
:above	:left	:right	:below
:below	:right	:left	:above
:left	:below	:above	:right
:right	:above	:below	:left

:expose-p t-or-nil

Initialization Option of windows and screens

Gettable. Default: nil w:sheet-exposed-p window-or-screen

Macro

Initializes the w:exposed-p instance variable that determines whether to expose the window or leave it deexposed. If non-nil, the window is made exposable after it is created. The default is to leave the window deexposed.

The macro can access the instance variable to get or change the value of the variable, depending on how the macro is used in code.

:exposable-p

Method of windows and screens

Returns t if the window is exposable.

:exposed-inferiors list-of-inferiors

Method of windows and screens

Default: nil

w:sheet-exposed-inferiors window-or-screen

Macro

Returns a list of all exposable inferiors of this window or screen. The macro can access the instance variable to get or change the value of the variable, depending on how the macro is used in code.

:screen-array array

Method of windows and screens

Default: nil

w:sheet-screen-array window-or-screen

Macro

Returns the window or screen's screen array, or nil if the screen has no array. Normally, you do not need to access the w:screen-array instance variable directly. w:screen-array is a displaced array that points to a special memory that is the bit-mapped memory for the Explorer monitor. (See the section about arrays in the Explorer Lisp Reference manual for details about displaced arrays and the general-purpose functions that manipulate arrays.) The Explorer system displays the w:screen-array on the video display. When you change an element in the w:screen-array, the change is immediately visible on the video display.

Each window has a w:screen-array, and the 0,0 element of a window's w:screen-array corresponds to the upper left corner of the video display. The dimensions of the w:screen-array are the dimensions of the screen and have no correlation to the window's w:width and w:height instance variables. (These variables contain the dimensions of the active part of the array, not the dimensions of the entire array.) It is possible, then, to access parts of the w:screen-array that are outside this instance of the window. This feature is normally important only when the :bitblt method and variants of the :bitblt method are in use. When executing a :bitblt method, you must ensure that only those bits that are within the window are transferred. Also,

you must ensure that the array elements that are the destination of the :bitblt method are correct.

The aref function can access individual elements of the w:screen-array. Remember, the upper left corner of the video display corresponds to the 0,0 element of w:screen-array, and the useful parts of the array are kept in the w:height and w:width instance variables.

The macro can access the instance variable to get or change the value of the variable, depending on how the macro is used in code.

## :deexpose & optional (save-bits-p :default) Method (screen-bits-action :noop) (remove-from-superior t)

Method of windows and screens

Makes the window not exposed and not exposable when this method is sent. This is a useful method to add :before and :after methods to.

### Arguments:

The arguments to the :deexpose method are supplied by the system and are usually of interest only to the system's methods.

save-bits-p — One of the following:

- :default means the bits are saved if the window has a bit-save array. This is the default value.
- :force gives the window a bit-save array if it does not already have one, so the bits are always saved.
- nil does not save the bits.

screen-bits-action -- What to do to the bits on the screen. screen-bits-action can be either :noop (does nothing to the bits) or :clean (erases the bits from the screen). The default is :noop.

remove-from-superior — If you specify remove-from-superior, you should always use t (the default). If remove-from-superior is nil, the window remains exposable. The window system uses nil as part of implementing deexposure of an exposable window whose superior loses its screen array. Using nil at any other time leads to incorrect results.

### w:with-sheet-deexposed window body

Macro

Executes the code in *body* with *window* deexposed. If *window* had been exposed, it is reexposed when the code in *body* completes execution. Methods that change things about the window often make use of this macro to reduce the complicated case of an exposed window to the simpler case of a deexposed window.

### Temporary Windows

5.8 Normally, when a window is exposed in an area of the screen already occupied by other exposed windows, the windows covered by the newly exposed window are deexposed automatically by the window system. This occurs because the window system does not normally leave two overlapping windows exposed. (Temporary windows are the common exception.)

Sometimes, though, windows appear on the screen for a very short time. The most obvious examples of these are the pop-up menus that appear only long enough for you to select an item. If windows were deexposed every time a pop-up menu appeared, the windows without bit-save arrays would have their

screen images destroyed, forcing them to regenerate their screen images or to reappear empty. The ones with bit-save arrays would not be damaged in this way, but they would have to be deexposed, and deexposure is a relatively expensive operation, in terms of both of memory and CPU time.

This problem is solved for pop-up menus by making them temporary windows. Temporary windows work differently from other windows in the following way. When a temporary window is exposed, it saves the pixels that it covers up, then restores these pixels when the temporary window is deexposed. These pixels may come from several different windows. In this way, temporary windows do not change the area of the screen that they use, even if they cover up some windows that do not have bit-save arrays.

Also, a temporary window, unlike a normal window, does not deexpose the windows that it covers up. In this way, the covered windows need not save their bits in their bit-save arrays (if they have bit-save arrays) nor regenerate their contents (if they do not have bit-save arrays). Regular windows never notice that the temporary window was there.

Flavors and Methods

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w:temporary-window-mixin

Flavor

Makes a temporary window.

w:shadow-borders-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:borders-mixin

Implements a window shadowing effect that makes a window appear as if it is raised away from the screen. This produces a three-dimensional effect. w:shadow-borders-mixin is mixed in with most flavors that produce temporary windows. The window has a default border width of 3.

:right-shadow-width new-width

Initialization Option of w:shadow-borders-mixin

Settable. Default: 6.

Initialization Option of w:shadow-borders-mixin

:bottom-shadow-width new-width Settable. Default: 6.

Sets the width of the shadow effect for the right or bottom edge of the window, respectively, to the size specified by *new-width*. The value of *new-width* is specified in pixels.

:shadow-draw-function function Initialization Option of w:shadow-borders-mixin Settable. Default: w:draw-shadow-border

Sets the function that draws the shadow border around temporary windows, such as the System menu.

:temporary-bit-array

Method of windows

Returns non-nil if the window is a temporary window.

w:temporary-shadow-borders-window-mixin

Flavor

Defines a mixin that is similar to w:temporary-window-mixin but that includes shadow borders.

### Temp Locking

**5.8.2** Problems could occur if temporary windows were this simple. Suppose that a temporary window appears over a normal window; some of the contents of the normal window are saved in an array inside the temporary window. Now, if the normal window were moved somewhere else, possibly became deexposed or overlapped by other windows, and then the temporary window was deexposed, the temporary window would restore its saved bits where the normal window used to be. This restoration would overwrite some other window.

Furthermore, even though the normal window is still exposed, output on it must not be permitted while the temporary window is exposed. Such output could overwrite the temporary window.

Because of problems like these, when a temporary window is exposed on top of some other windows, all the windows that it covers up (fully or partially) become *temp-locked*. While a window is temp-locked, any attempt to type out on it is delayed until it is no longer temp-locked. Furthermore, any attempt to deexpose, deactivate, move, or reposition a temp-locked window is delayed until the window is no longer temp-locked. The temp-locking is undone when the temporary window is deexposed.

Because of temp-locking, you should never write a program that puts a temporary window on the screen for a long time. Some action by the user, such as moving the mouse, should make the temporary window deexpose itself. While the temporary window is in place, it blocks many important window system operations over its area of the screen. The windows it covers cannot be manipulated, and programs that try to manipulate them must wait until the temporary window goes away.

Two or more temporary windows can be exposed at the same time without causing problems. If you expose a temporary window and then expose another temporary window, and they do not overlap each other, they can be deexposed in either order. Any windows that both temporary windows cover up are temp-locked until both temporary windows are deexposed. If temporary window B covers up temporary window A, then A is temp-locked exactly like any other window, so A cannot be deexposed until B has been deexposed.

### w:lock-sheet window &body body

Macro

Implements temp-locking of windows. That is, executes body while window is locked against output and refresh. Typically, body includes methods rather than functions. You do not need to enclose functional interfaces such as the w:menu-choose function or w:notify within a w:lock-sheet macro.

### The Screen Manager

5.9 Fully visible windows do not always use the entire screen. This situation does not happen in elementary use of the Explorer system, because initial windows in the system are all the same size as the screen. If you create a small Lisp Listener with the System menu Create command, the rest of the screen is unclaimed by any fully visible window. The part of the window system responsible for dealing with unclaimed parts of the screen is called the screen manager.

The screen manager fills unclaimed areas by looking for deexposed windows that fall entirely or partly within them. Only active immediate inferiors of the

screen are considered, and they are considered in a specific priority order described in paragraph 5.9.4, Priority Among Windows for Exposure.

### Autoexposure

**5.9.1** A window that falls entirely within unclaimed areas can be made visible without deexposing any other windows. This is called *autoexposure*. Because the window is a direct inferior of the screen, exposing it always makes it visible. The screen manager continues to consider the remaining deexposed windows, but with less screen area unclaimed.

A window located in an area of the screen that no other window uses can be visible to the user. However, if the window is also located in a portion of the screen used by another window, the window cannot be fully visible to the user; only that portion of the window that is outside the area used by another window can be visible. Overlapping windows are shown in Figure 5-1. The window is not treated as visible or exposed in any other sense. The windows appear to be overlapping pieces of paper on a desktop. The deexposed window is partially covered by the visible windows, but you can still see those parts that are not covered. The contents are copied from the window's bit-save array. Windows without bit-save arrays are by default ineligible for partial visibility, so other windows with a lower priority get a chance for the same screen area. It is possible, however, to arrange for windows without bit-save arrays to be partially visible (though the displayed contents may not be accurate).

A window whose size or position precludes it from fitting entirely within the bounds of its superior cannot be exposed. The screen manager does not try to autoexpose this type of window. The portion of the window that lies within its superior's bounds can be displayed as a partially visible window.

### Autoselection

**5.9.2** Besides controlling autoexposure, the screen manager can also select a window if no window is selected. This is called *autoselection*. A window is a candidate for autoselection if it is an exposed inferior of the screen and its :name-for-selection method returns a non-nil value. (This method is described in paragraph 6.3.1, The System Menu Select Command.)

The screen manager manages the inferiors of windows or sheets as well as the inferiors of screens. The system invokes the screen manager on a sheet's inferiors by sending the sheet a :screen-manage message. This happens for all visible sheets regardless of their flavors.

### :screen-manage

Method of windows and screens

Autoexposes and displays partially visible windows among the active inferiors of this window or screen, as described previously.

### :screen-manage-autoexpose-inferiors

Method of windows and screens

Autoexposes the active inferiors of this window or screen. This method is used in the default definition of the :screen-manage method.

### w:no-screen-managing-mixin

Flavor

Prevents the screen manager from dealing with the inferiors of a window by redefining the :screen-manage method to do nothing.

When a single program uses a frame, that program usually has sole control over exposure of panes. w:no-screen-managing-mixin prevents the screen manager from interfering. This mixin is normally not used with constraint

frames because constraint frames avoid problems while changing configurations by deactivating any panes that do not belong in the configuration. Zmacs frames use this mixin so that the screen manager does not autoexpose various editor windows that belong to the frame.

Control of Partial Visibility

5.9.3 This paragraph discusses flavors, methods, and variables that affect partial visibility of windows.

### :screen-manage-deexposed-visibility

Method of windows

Returns non-nil if parts of this window can be displayed when the window is partially visible.

### w:show-partially-visible-mixin

Flavor

If a window has this flavor mixed in, the screen manager attempts to show the window to the user when the window is partially visible, even if the window does not have a bit-save array. If the window does not have a bit-save array, there are no saved contents to display, and the screen manager must give the window a screen array temporarily, send it a :refresh message so it can draw itself on the screen array, and then display whatever is found there. This often means that you see the label and borders of the window, but not the inside.

### w:gray-deexposed-right-mixin w:gray-deexposed-wrong-mixin

Flavor Flavor

Makes any visible parts of the window appear gray if the window is not fully visible. Thus, these flavors provide something other than blank space when the window should be partially visible. w:gray-deexposed-right-mixin works for all windows; w:gray-deexposed-wrong-mixin is faster but does not work for windows that have inferiors.

You can use either mixin in windows that have no bit-save arrays as a quicker alternative to w:show-partially-visible-mixin.

:gray-array array

rray Initialization Option of w:gray-deexposed-right-mixin Gettable, settable. Default: w:12%-gray

:gray-array array

Initialization Option of w:gray-deexposed-wrong-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: w:12%-gray

Initializes the percentage of gray displayed. The value must be a two-dimensional array of bits that bitblt can replicate; the array's width must be a multiple of 32. Useful values for w:gray-array include w:100%-black, w:66%-gray, and w:12%-gray. See the description of the w:make-gray function in paragraph 12.4.2, Bit Block Transferring, for a complete list and examples of the predefined gray patterns.

### w:initially-invisible-mixin

Flavor

Stops a window from appearing through screen management, even partially, until it has first been explicitly exposed. Specifically, this flavor creates window instances that have a priority of -2. This flavor is used in some window flavors (such as editor windows and others) of which instances are present in the saved system environment even without the user's ever having requested them. These windows can be active and can be selected using the SYSTEM key, but they do not become partially visible if some other window is made smaller.

Recall that if a deexposed window has its deexposed typeout action set to :permit, output on the window can proceed but is sent to the bit-save array rather than to the screen. If the window is partially visible, such output could modify the visible parts of the window. You can request that the screen manager check periodically for such output and copy the changed contents to the screen.

### w:screen-manage-update-permitted-windows

Variable

Controls whether the screen manager looks for partially visible windows with deexposed typeout actions of :permit and updates the visible portion of their contents on the screen. If this variable is nil, as it is initially, the screen manager does not update the visible portion of the window. Otherwise, the value should be the interval between screen updates, expressed in 60ths of a second.

### Priority Among Windows for Exposure

**5.9.4** Suppose there is a portion of the screen where there are no exposed windows, and more than one active, deexposed window could be exposed to fill this area. However, two windows overlap so both cannot be exposed. The screen manager decides which window gets exposed on the basis of a priority ordering. All of the active inferiors of a window are maintained in a specific order, from highest to lowest priority. When there is a portion of the screen on which more than one active inferior might be displayed, the inferior with the highest priority is the window that gets displayed. This priority ordering is like the relative heights of pieces of paper on a desk; the highest piece of paper at any point on the desk is the one that you see, and the rest are covered.

#### :order-inferiors

Method of windows

Sorts the list of active inferiors of this window or screen into the proper order for considering them for autoexposure or partial visibility. The w:inferiors instance variable is the list of active inferiors. The inferior at the beginning of w:inferiors has the highest priority.

The default definition of :order-inferiors uses a complicated algorithm that puts the most recently exposed windows first but also allows the programmer to specify priorities explicitly.

The algorithm involves a value assigned to each window, called its *priority*, that can be a fixnum or nil. Thus, windows with higher numerical priority values have higher priority to appear on the screen. The default value for the priority is nil, which is considered less than any positive numeric value.

The standard ordering of inferiors puts all exposable inferiors first, followed by the unexposable inferiors in order of decreasing priority. Each group of unexposable inferiors with the same priority is ordered by how recently they were exposable. The longer an inferior has gone without being exposable, the lower the inferior's priority.

Computation of the current ordering is based on the past ordering as stored in the old value of w:inferiors. When the window system does anything to change the ordering, such as making a window exposable or not exposable, it invokes the :order-inferiors method to update the recorded ordering.

The ordering is updated by moving the exposable windows to the front and sorting the unexposable ones by priority. The sort is stable; that is, unexposable windows with the same priority value keep their previous ordering. Because numerical priorities are not typically used (that is, the priorities of most windows are nil), the ordering generally changes only as a result of exposing and deexposing windows. When a window becomes exposable, the window's priority increases; when other windows become exposable instead, this window's priority becomes lower. Thus, the ordering simply shows how recently each window was exposable.

:priority priority

Initialization Option of windows

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets the window's priority value. This can be a number or nil.

:bury

Method of windows

Buries the window, which deexposes the window and puts it at the end of its priority grouping in the ordering. A program typically buries its window when it thinks that the user is not interested in that window and would prefer to see some other windows. The user can bury a window using the Bury command in the Edit Screen mode of the System menu.

Also, the w:deselect-and-maybe-bury-window function is a convenient interface to the :bury method. This function is described in paragraph 6.2, How Programs Select Windows.

### **Negative Priorities**

5.9.5 Negative priorities have a special meaning. If the value of a window's priority is -1, then the window is never visible, even if it is only partially covered; however, it is still autoexposed. If the value of priority is -2 or less, then the window is not autoexposed, so it is never seen unless sent an explicit :expose message.

### Delaying Screen Management

5.9.6 At times, you may want to inhibit automatic reexposure by the screen manager. The screen manager can potentially interfere with the actions of a program that explicitly deexposes windows. Suppose you send a :deexpose message to an exposed window. The exposed window certainly does not overlap any still visible windows, and it is the most exposed window, so it is the first candidate for autoexposure. The screen manager runs and probably autoexposes that very window, canceling the effect of the :deexpose method.

Explicit deexposure is usually performed at the beginning of a sequence of window rearrangements. For example, moving an exposed window deexposes it, changes its position (which is easy when it is deexposed), and reexposes it. The screen manager should run only when the whole sequence is complete; it should not consider the transient intermediate states. Even if the screen manager did not directly interfere with the program's deliberate actions, it would waste time and confuse the user by displaying partially visible windows in temporarily unclaimed screen areas for which the program is already preparing a new use.

You can shut the screen manager off within the w:delaying-screen-management macro. While the body of this macro is being executed, events that would normally bring about screen management are recorded on a queue instead. After exiting the macro (whether normally or by throwing), the screen manager looks at the queue and performs all necessary screen management at once.

Sometimes screen management cannot be done when the w:delaying-screen-management form is exited because relevant windows are locked by other processes. Then the entries are left on the queue. They are handled at some later time when the necessary locks are freed by a background process called Screen Manager Background. The necessary screen management, then, always gets done eventually.

When w:delaying-screen-management forms are nested, only the outermost one does any screen management when it is exited.

### w:delaying-screen-management body

Macro

Evaluates the forms in *body* sequentially with screen management delayed. The value of the last form is returned. For example, the system delays screen management while the user is resizing a window with the Edit Screen commands. By delaying screen management, the system redisplays the contents of the screen only once, after the user has completed all the changes.

### w:without-screen-management body

Macro

Evaluates the forms in *body* sequentially with screen management delayed. Moreover, if the body completes normally, the entries put on the queue by the body's execution are removed from the queue, on the assumption that the body has done all appropriate screen redisplay. If the body terminates abnormally with a throw, the queued entries remain on the queue and eventually are processed by the screen manager.

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### SELECTION

### Introduction

**6.1** At any given time, programs (or the system) responding to user commands can select only one window and send keyboard input to only one window. This window is called the *selected* window. A process trying to input through another window normally waits until that window is selected.

A window's cursor marker is a blinker that normally blinks only when the window is selected; thus, this cursor-following blinker usually indicates which window is selected. You can control what happens to each blinker when its window becomes selected. (See paragraph 10.2, Visibility and Deselected Visibility of Blinkers.)

A user can change the selected window using the TERM and SYSTEM keys or the System menu. Also, moving the mouse blinker to a window and clicking the left button one time selects that window if the window can be selected.

For example, suppose there are several Lisp Listeners displayed on the main screen at the same time. One of the windows displays a flashing blinker and echoes keyboard input there. The processes in the other screens suspend keyboard input; you can see this if one of the windows on the screen is a Peek window. The mouse or the TERM O keystroke sequence can be used to select a different window.

The selected window must handle some operations that windows in general do not have to handle. The w:select-mixin flavor defines these methods and should be used in flavors of windows that are going to be selected. The w:window flavor includes the w:select-mixin flavor. A window can be useful without being selectable.

If two processes try to read from the same window (or windows sharing an input buffer), you cannot predict which process will get the input. If you are designing an application where this might occur, you must make sure that you do not have two processes actually active and reading input from the same source at the same time. In most applications, only one process can read input from any one window or input buffer. In these applications you should use w:process-mixin in the window flavor to tell the window which process is associated with it.

The selected window controls the actions performed by the system at the instant a character is typed on the keyboard. Because typed-ahead commands (such as END in the editor) switch windows, there is no way to know for certain which window will eventually read a character being typed at a given moment. Letting the selected window determine asynchronous processing for the character avoids this problem. Asynchronous processing options include asynchronous intercepted characters (as described in paragraph 8.7.2) and case conversion of control characters (see paragraph 8.7.3, Global Asynchronous Characters).

The selected window determines which process the :process method acts on when asynchronously intercepted characters (such as the CTRL-ABORT keystroke sequence) are intercepted. The status line normally does the same

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thing to find the process whose run state should be displayed. If you use w:process-mixin, the :process method returns the process associated with the window; otherwise, a default definition of :process is inherited from w:select-mixin and returns whichever process last read input from the window—or from any other window sharing the same input buffer. You should use w:process-mixin whenever possible. Not using w:process-mixin can lead to unexpected results in the CTRL-ABORT keystroke sequence (this is, however, acceptable for the status line).

If a process tries to get input from a window whose input buffer is empty and is not selected, it cannot get any input and must wait. The input buffer is selected if this window, or any other window sharing the same input buffer, is the selected window. The wait ends when input appears in the buffer, or when the buffer becomes selected and there is keyboard input available. If the window is not even exposed, the program can also specify a notification. The window's deexposed type-in action controls whether notifications can happen. See paragraph 18.2, Notifications.

### How Programs Select Windows

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w:selected-window

Variable

The selected window. The system maintains the variable; you should not set it. Note that constraint frames do not use this variable; instead, they use the w:selected-pane method.

w:select-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:essential-window Required instance variable: w:io-buffer

To be selected, the flavor for a window must include the w:select-mixin flavor. w:select-mixin is part of the w:window flavor but not part of the w:minimum-window flavor.

A window whose flavor does not contain this mixin flavor can be sent the :select message only if the window has designated another window as a selection substitute. The last substitute selected must have w:select-mixin.

### :select &optional (remember-previous t)

Method of windows

Makes this window (or its selection substitute, if any) the selected window. Many application window flavors define :before and :after methods for this method. The :before and :after methods run whenever this method is invoked, even if the window is already selected. To test for a window being selected, use the :self-or-substitute-selected-p method described in paragraph 6.4, Selection Substitutes.

If remember-previous is not nil (and only then), the previously selected window is entered on the list of previously selected windows for the TERM and SYSTEM keys to use. The default is t.

Neither the :select nor the :mouse-select methods should be called in the mouse process. If you want to use these methods in a :mouse-click, :mouse-buttons, or :handle-mouse method, you must include the following in your code:

(process-run-function "Select" window-to-select : select)

This causes the :select method to be executed in its own process.

### :mouse-select args

Method of windows

Selects a window for mouse click or asynchronous keyboard input such as is done when the TERM key is pressed. The *args* are sent to the :select method.

While the :mouse-select method is generally the same as sending a :select message to the window's alias for selected windows (as explained in paragraph 6.3, Teams of Windows), the :mouse-select method does not change which window gets type-ahead input. (See the description of w:\*terminal-keys\* in paragraph 8.7.3, Global Asynchronous Characters, for more details about specifying where type-ahead input should go.)

Neither the :select nor the :mouse-select methods should be called in the mouse process. If you want to use these methods in a :mouse-click, :mouse-buttons, or :handle-mouse method, you must include the following in your code:

(process-run-function "Select" window-to-select : mouse-select)

This causes the :mouse-select method to be executed in its own process.

### :deselect & optional (restore-selected t)

Method of windows

Invoked automatically when a window ceases to be selected, whether because the window is no longer visible, or because another window is being selected. Many application window flavors define :before and :after methods for the :deselect method.

restore-selected controls whether this window is stored in the w:previously-selected-windows array used by the TERM S and SYSTEM keys. The :deselect method determines whether to select this or some other window found in that array. The possible values for restore-selected are the following:

- :dont-save Does not put the window being deselected in the array, and no other window is selected.
- :beginning or nil Puts the window being deselected at the front of the array, and no other window is selected.
- :end Puts the window being deselected at the end of the array, and no other window is selected.
- :first Selects the window at the front of the array, then puts the window being deselected at the front of the array. This is similar to what the TERM S keystroke sequence does.
- :last or t Puts the window being deselected at the end of the array and selects the window at the front of the array. This is the default.

### w:deselect-and-maybe-bury-window window deselect-mode

**Function** 

Deselects window and selects the previously selected window. If this deexposes the deselected window, then the deselected window is buried. deselect-mode is passed to the :deselect method and is used as its restore-selected argument. See the previous discussion of :deselect for its possible values.

```
w:window-call (window-to-select &optional exit-method exit-args) &required body
```

Macro

w:window-mouse-call (window-to-select &optional exit-method exit-args)
&required body

Macro

Executes body on the window specified as window-to-select. w:window-call uses the :select method; w:window-mouse-call uses the :mouse-select method. On exit, both macros reselect the window that had been selected before and send the selected window the specified arguments.

exit-method is invoked after body has been executed. The value used for exit-method is often: deactivate. If exit-method is omitted, nothing is done to window-to-select except for deselecting it because some other window is selected. exit-args are passed, along with exit-method, to window-to-select.

For example, the following code creates an instance of a mouse-sensitive window along with its item types. The w:window-call form exposes and selects the window, outputs a mouse-sensitive sentence, waits for the user to make a choice, returns the value of that choice, deactivates the mouse-sensitive window, and selects the previous window.

```
(defflavor mouse-sensitive-window ()
   (w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items w:window))
(setq my-window (make-instance 'mouse-sensitive-window
                    :item-type-alist
                     ((word-item
                                      left-click-word
                                                           "a word type item.")
                       (phrase-item
                                      left-click-phrase
                                                           "a phrase type item.")
                       (sentence-item left-click-sentence "a sentence type item."))))
                        (w:window-call (window :deactivate)
                          (format my-window "this -M contains -VM mouse-sensitive -1M."
                                             "sentence"
                                             'word-item "some"
                                             "words and phrases")
                          (send my-window :any-tyi)
```

You may find that using selection substitutes is better than using w:window-call for controlling selection among windows of a team. (Selection substitutes are described in paragraph 6.4.)

### **Teams of Windows**

6.3 The principle of selecting a single window is based on the concept of windows that are independent competitors for the user's input, such as a pair of Lisp Listeners. Normally a team of windows is a single frame and its panes, managed by a single process. The windows of a team often share an input buffer to make it easier for one process to read input from all of the windows at one time. This is an important procedure, which you should read about if you are designing a team of windows. Note that a constraint frame is a specific type of team.

Teams are not actual Lisp objects but merely concepts understood by the user and programmer. The window system cannot have a selected team; one window of the team must be selected. Each team's program selects a window of the team as the team's selection representative. The selected window should then be the selection representative of your selected team. The selected window can change when the user selects a new team, or when your selected team chooses a new selection representative.

To implement this, the programmer of the team first selects one window of the team to be the leader. This is not the same as the selection representative. The selection representative can change from moment to moment, but the leader must be fixed. When the team is a frame and its panes, it is natural to make the frame be the leader. Standard mixins are provided to make this easy to do. These mixins and the procedures for using them are described in the following paragraphs.

The selection representative is implemented as the leader's selection substitute. Then the team can be selected using the :select method on its leader window.

Even when the team allows the user to select from the windows of the team (such as when a Zmacs frame in two-window mode allows the user to click a mouse button on either of the editor windows to select the window), this selection is best represented by the idea of a team that does all selection under program control. The appropriate mouse clicks are defined as commands that tell the team's program to change the team's selection representative.

You usually want only a single item representing the team to appear in the Select menu, invoked from the System menu. If the team consists of a frame—which is the leader—and its panes, selection can be done with w:inferiors-not-in-select-menu-mixin in the frame's flavor. More complex behavior is also possible. For example, Zmacs frames in two-window mode allow each editor window to have its own entry in the Select menu.

Also, the TERM and SYSTEM keys should reselect the team by selecting its current selection representative. This is done by making them record and reselect the team's leader. If the team consists of a frame—which is the leader—and the frame's panes, selection can be done with w:alias-for-inferiors-mixin in the frame's flavor. (Zmacs frames follow this pattern exactly. The frame is the alias for any editor windows inside the frame.)

The following paragraphs describe the details of how these things are done.

### The System Menu Select Command

6.3.1 When the Select command in the System menu is used, it gets the list of alternatives by invoking the :selectable-windows method on each screen. This method travels down the window hierarchy and determines whether each window should be included. Each window is sent a :name-for-selection method. The value sent should be either nil (meaning omit this window) or a string (to be used as the window's name). If the value is a string, the string is displayed in the menu of windows.

### w:inferiors-not-in-select-menu-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:basic-frame

Redefines the :selectable-windows method to ignore the window's inferiors. The inferiors are not asked whether they should be included.

### :selectable-windows

Method of windows

Returns an association list of strings versus windows that become part of the association list displayed in the Select menu. The association list returned should describe this window and its inferiors, or whichever of them ought to appear in that menu.

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Normally this method uses the string returned by a window's :name-for-selection method as the first element of the association list, or it omits this window if its :name-for-selection returns nil. :selectable-windows then appends the values returned from the window's inferiors.

#### :name-for-selection

Method of windows

Either returns a string to display in the Select menu for this window, or returns nil (meaning do not list this window in the menu).

The default definition uses the window's label string, if any, or its name. Many applications redefine :name-for-selection. For example, w:not-externally-selectable-mixin redefines :name-for-selection to return nil. If you want more complex behavior from a team than simply having a single entry, you redefine :name-for-selection on the flavors of many different windows in the team.

The :name-for-selection method also affects autoselection, which is done by the screen manager. A window can be autoselected only if its :name-for-selection is not nil.

### Selection With TERM and SYSTEM Keys

**6.3.2** The TERM S keystroke sequence can be thought of as acting on a combined list that contains the selected window followed by the previously selected windows. The TERM n S keystroke sequence rotates the first n elements of this list, makes the selected window the first previously selected window, and makes the nth previously selected window the selected window. The SYSTEM key also uses this database to find a window of the appropriate flavor to select or to rotate through all the windows of that flavor.

Windows are put into the w:previously-selected-windows array and removed from it automatically when they are selected, deselected, activated, or deactivated. The applications programmer must identify only teams of windows that should be treated as a unit. The system uses the :alias-for-selected-windows method to determine whether a window can be selected. If two windows are in a hierarchy, one above the other, and both have the w:alias-for-inferiors-mixin flavor, then the window having the higher priority is selected.

NOTE: No record is kept of which window in a team was actually selected most recently. The w:previously-selected-windows variable records only the alias or team leader window, and this is the window that receives the :select message if the TERM key is pressed to switch back to that team. To ensure that the proper window within the team is selected, use selection substitutes as described in the following paragraphs.

### w:not-externally-selectable-mixin

Flavor

Makes a window and its descendants have the window's superior as an alias and keeps the window out of the Select menu.

Using this flavor you can control which windows appear in the Select menu or which can be selected by the TERM key. Specifically selected descendants are given this mixin so that they do not appear in the Select menu; any other descendants do appear in the Select menu.

#### w:alias-for-inferiors-mixin

Flavor

Makes a window be an alias for all of its inferiors. Thus, the window and all of its inferiors form a team considered as a unit by the TERM and SYSTEM keys, and this window is the leader.

#### :alias-for-selected-windows

Method of windows

Returns the alias that represents this window in the w:previously-selected-windows variable. When this window gets deselected, its alias is recorded in that variable. In the example of independent Lisp Listeners, the alias of each Lisp Listener is itself. For a window in a team, this method should return the team's leader window.

The default definition of this method either returns the superior's :alias-for-inferiors method if that is non-nil, or it returns this window.

#### :alias-for-inferiors

Method of windows

Returns a window to act as the alias for all inferiors for all levels of this window, if needed. Otherwise, it returns nil.

The default definition returns the :alias-for-inferiors for this window's superior. Thus, if an ancestor of this window wants to be an alias for all of its descendants, its request is sent to whatever invokes this method; otherwise, the descendants decide for themselves.

#### w:previously-selected-windows

Variable

An array whose contents are all the active windows—not including the selected window—that the TERM and SYSTEM keys should know about for window selection. The windows of a team are generally all represented by a single member of the team, which is the leader. The leader is usually a frame that contains the remainder of the team as panes, but this is not required.

Typically, you want the process associated with the selected window to run with a higher priority than processes associated with deselected windows. For example, if you do a make-system in a Lisp Listener, you probably would like to go to an editor window and still get good response. Two variables enable this: w:\*selected-process-priority\* and w:\*deselected-process-priority\*.

#### w:\*selected-process-priority\*

Variable

Default: 0

The priority of the process associated with the selected window is raised to w:\*selected-process-priority\*. The process priority is reset to its previous value when a new window is selected. Setting this variable to nil causes process priorities to be unaffected by window selection.

You should not set this variable to a value greater than zero to avoid problems caused by locking out system processes running at the default priority of zero. To avoid this problem, you can set the following variable to a negative number, thus effectively *lowering* the priority of processes associated with deselected windows.

Default: -1

When a window is deselected, the priority of the process associated with it is normally reset to what it was before the window was selected. When this previous priority is equal to w:\*selected-process-priority\*, the priority of the deselected window is set to w:\*deselected-process-priority\* instead of its previous value.

The window system includes safeguards so:

- When a process priority is set above zero, the window system never lowers the priority.
- When a process priority is set below zero, the window system does not raise the priority when the window is deselected.

However, when a window is selected, the window system raises the window's priority to w:\*selected-process-priority\*, which is typically the correct action.

#### Selection Substitutes

6.4 All windows have the ability to designate a selection substitute. If a window has a substitute, any requests to select or deselect the original window are passed along to the substitute. The substitute can have a substitute of its own, and so on. A window's selection substitute is remembered in the w:selection-substitute instance variable, whose value is either another window or nil.

The main use of selection substitutes is for controlling selection within a team of windows. The team has one window designated as the leader; all requests to select members of the team are accomplished with :select methods. Selection is made as described in the previous paragraphs. As a result, the team's program can choose a selected window within the team by making that window the leader's selection substitute.

To avoid paradoxical results when pressing TERM S, the :alias-for-selected-windows method should be the same for both the substitute window and for the window for which it substitutes. With a hierarchical team of windows, this substitution is usually arranged by using w:alias-for-inferiors-mixin in the top window of the team. The substitute window should not appear in the Select menu, because its entry and the entry of the window for which it substitutes would be duplicates. The w:inferiors-not-in-select-menu-mixin flavor in the top window of the team prevents the duplicate entry.

NOTE: When the team's program uses the :set-selection-substitute method on the team's leader window to change the selected pane within the team, it does not matter whether the team is currently selected. The correct results occur regardless of whether the team is deselected and reselected at any given time.

#### :selection-substitute

Method of windows

Settable. Default: nil

Returns this window's selection substitute or nil if the window does not currently have one. For :set-selection-substitute, if this window or its substitute was previously selected, then the window's new substitute (or the window itself) is selected afterward. Thus, the value of :self-or-substitute-selected-p on this window is not changed by this method.

#### :ultimate-selection-substitute

Method of windows

Returns this window's substitute, then the substitute's substitute, and so on until a window is reached that has no substitute. If this window has no substitute, the window itself is returned.

#### :self-or-substitute-selected-p

Method of windows

Returns t if this window, or its substitute, or its substitute's substitute, and so on, is selected; otherwise, it returns nil.

#### w:with-selection-substitute (window for-window) body

Macro

Executes a body of Lisp code with *window* defined as the selection substitute for *for-window*. On exit, w:with-selection-substitute sets the selection substitute back to whatever it was previously and deexposes or deactivates the substitute, if appropriate.

You should use w:with-selection-substitute to switch the selected pane temporarily.

#### w:preserve-substitute-status window body

Macro

Executes body, then selects window if window or its substitute had been selected immediately before this macro was executed.

#### Typeout Windows and Selection Substitutes

6.4.1 Typeout windows use the selection substitute mechanism to select themselves to receive output. The typeout window makes itself the substitute of a suitable superior in the hierarchy. The typeout window does not necessarily substitute itself for its immediate superior. This allows output to go to the typeout window although the typeout window's immediate superior is not the selected window. For example, when you press the META-X HELP keystroke sequence in the Zmacs editor, a typeout window substitutes itself for the selected window so you can use the Help facility.

When a typeout window substitutes itself for a superior, the typeout window may not have been the substitute for that superior. To resolve this problem, the typeout window records the selection substitute of the superior, makes itself the selection substitute, and exposes itself. Once the typeout window is deexposed, it restores the original selection substitute for the superior.

## :remove-selection-substitute window-to-remove suggested-substitute

Method of windows

Ensures that window-to-remove is not this window's substitute, suggesting suggested-substitute (possibly nil) as a substitute instead. The standard implementation of this method sets the substitute of this window to suggested-substitute if the substitute of this window was window-to-remove. This method is used and documented so that specific windows can define their own ways of calculating the new value for the substitute, perhaps ignoring suggested-substitute.

When a typeout window is deactivated, :remove-selection-substitute ensures that the typeout window ceases to be another window's substitute.

#### Nonhierarchical Selection Substitutes

6.4.2 Some programs need to temporarily replace one window with another. For example, the telnet function can behave this way, giving the appearance of temporarily changing the Lisp Listener or other window in which it is called into a Telnet window. Substitution is accomplished by creating a suitable Telnet window and making it the substitute for the original window. In this case, the substitute window has the same edges and the same superior as the original window, but it is not an inferior of the original window. The substitute window need not be the same size as the original.

Noninferior selection substitutes are usually established and deestablished by using the w:with-selection-substitute macro in a straightforward manner. However, you must be sure that the original window is the :alias-for-selected-windows method of the substitute. In the case of the telnet function, this substitution creates the illusion that the Lisp Listener has changed temporarily into a Telnet window. Because the substitute window is not a descendant of the original one, it must have some other way to find the original window (such as an instance variable for this specific purpose) and a specially defined :alias-for-selected-windows method to return the original window.

## The Status of a Window

**6.5** A window's status is represented by a keyword that encodes whether the window is selected, exposed, or active.

#### :status

Method of windows

Settable.

Returns the status of the window, which is one of the following:

Keyword	Status of the Window
:selected	The selected window.
:exposed	Exposed but not selected. The window may not be visible if its deexposed typeout action is :permit.
:exposed-in-superior	Exposable but its superior has no screen array.
:deexposed	Active in its superior but not exposable.
:deactivated	Not active. This is the status of a window that has been created but never exposed or selected.

The :status and :set-status methods are useful for selecting a window temporarily and then restoring everything as it was. :set-status can deexpose the window or deactivate it in addition to deselecting it.

## Windows and Processes

6.6 A self-contained interactive system that has its own window(s) usually has its own process to drive the window(s). Peek, Zmacs, and the Inspector all do this when called through the SYSTEM key. Normally each window you create has its own process. For example, there is a process for each Peek window, so different Peek windows run independently.

Whether a window is managed by a dedicated process or by various processes is not a crucial decision. The program that reads commands from the window and draws on the window can always be run in one dedicated process or in different processes at different times—though if you run it in two processes at one time, you should be careful to keep the processes from confusing each other. (See paragraph 6.3, Teams of Windows.)

The mechanisms of selection and exposure control whether input and output are possible on a window at a given time, and these mechanisms work automatically on any process(es) that tries to do input or output. When there is a dedicated process for a window, often the only connection between the process and the window is that the dedicated process is running a program that has a pointer to that window (typically the value of \*terminal-io\* in the process is that window). Thus, when in another process, setting \*terminal-io\* to the window where output is to go causes the output of functions such as print to send their output to the correct window by default.

## The Inspector Example

6.6.1 For example, the Inspector window you invoke with the SYSTEM I keystroke sequence has a dedicated process, whereas the Inspector window you get by typing (inspect) while in a Lisp Listener runs in the process that calls the Inspector program. These two Inspector windows have the same flavor; the same function, w:inspect-command-loop, does the main work. The only differences between these two Inspector windows are in deciding when to deexpose the window, what to do when that happens, when it can be reused, what to do if the user presses the END key, and anything else related directly to the difference in the two user interfaces for entering and exiting.

The Inspector window makes an instructive example for comparing these two ways of managing a window. The inspect function allocates a window out of a resource of reusable windows of the correct flavor. The inspect function sends the window some messages to initialize the Inspector window for this particular session; this is how inspect tells the window about the object that is the argument to inspect. Then it selects the window using the w:window-call macro and calls the Inspector program. When the user presses the END key, the program returns, the w:window-call macro reselects the old window and deactivates the Inspector window, and inspect returns. The inspect function uses an unwind-protect macro so that aborting outside of inspect for any reason brings back the old window.

Pressing the SYSTEM I keystroke sequence finds or creates an Inspector window of the same flavor. When no initialization options are specified, this flavor's default initialization property list specifies the creation of a process, which is initialized to call the Inspector program. If the user presses the END key—or clicks on Exit—and the Inspector command loop returns, the top-level function in the dedicated process buries the Inspector window and loops back to the beginning. That is all that is required to make the SYSTEM I keystroke sequence work.

## Process-Related Methods and Flavors

6.6.2 The following process-related methods are defined on the w:select-mixin flavor so that they are always supported by the selected window. Because windows lacking w:process-mixin do not explicitly remember a process, a heuristic is used to produce a process: it is the last process to have read input from this window's input buffer.

When you use both w:process-mixin and w:select-mixin, you should always put the w:process-mixin flavor before the w:select-mixin flavor in the components of a window flavor, so the methods in w:process-mixin override methods in w:select-mixin.

The w:select-mixin and w:process-mixin flavors both have a :process method. When you use the :process method of the w:process-mixin flavor, it replaces the :process method of the w:select-mixin flavor.

#### w:process-mixin

Flavor

Provides the w:process instance variable that can remember a process associated with the window. Windows that are sometimes used with a dedicated process should use this mixin.

The most valuable service that w:process-mixin provides is an easy way to create and initialize a process for each window created and to inform the process which window it was created for. Once this is done, the desired results generally follow without special effort.

Selecting the window or making it visible gives the process a run reason. The window itself is used as the run reason. (See the description of processes in the *Explorer Lisp Reference* manual for details on run reasons.) Also, this resets the process if it is flushed, waiting with false as its wait function.

The :kill method on the window calls the :kill method on the process.

Using w:process-mixin guarantees that the :process method returns the explicitly specified process, regardless of which process has most recently read from the window.

#### :process process

Initialization Option of w:process-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets the process associated with the window either to *process* or to nil. *process* can be either a process or a list used as a description for creating a process. The following shows what the list looks like:

(initial-function make-process-options)

When the process starts up, it calls *initial-function* with the window as its sole argument. Normally *initial-function* should bind \*terminal-io\* to the argument.

#### :process

Method of w:select-mixin

Settable.

Returns a process with this window, heuristically if necessary. The :process method provided by w:select-mixin is invoked if the window was not created using the w:process-mixin flavor.

#### :processes

Method of windows

Returns a list of processes dedicated to this window. The :append method combination is used so that all the processes used by any of the methods are put into the returned list. These are the processes that the :kill method kills.

The default is to return nil if no processes are found. The w:process-mixin flavor contains the w:process instance variable, which holds the name of the process associated with this window. Therefore, adding w:process-mixin to the window flavor provides the information needed by :processes.

:arrest

Method of w:select-mixin
Method of w:select-mixin

Arrests or unarrests the process returned by the :process method.

:call

Method of w:select-mixin

Selects an idle Lisp Listener window, which could be this window. If the window selected is not this window, :call arrests this window's process with arrest reason :call. This arrest reason is removed automatically by selecting this window again.

#### w:reset-on-output-hold-flag-mixin

Flavor

Resets any process that tries to draw on this window when it has an output hold condition. (See the :reset method in the description of processes in the Explorer Lisp Reference manual.) Specifically, this flavor sets :deexposed-typeout-action to '# for its window instances, which means that the :reset-on-output-hold-flag method is invoked, sending a :reset message to the current process.

The w:truncating-pop-up-text-window-with-reset flavor creates a temporary window that truncates lines and resets processes that try to output on it when its output hold is set.

## Associating a Process With a Window

6.6.3 In most cases when you want to associate a process with a window you also want to make that window selectable—that is, you want the user to be able to select the window by pressing a SYSTEM keystroke. This procedure is described in paragraph 8.7.3, Global Asynchronous Characters.

If you want to create a window with an associated process that is *not* invoked by pressing the SYSTEM keystroke, you must do something similar to the following code. This code enables the Profile utility to be selected from a listing in the System menu.

```
(defmethod (profile-frame :after :init) (&rest ignore)
  "Sets up the various panes.'
  (setq selection-menu-pane (send self :get-pane 'selection-menu-pane)
           action-menu-pane (send self :get-pane 'action-menu-pane)
cvv-pane (send self :get-pane 'cvv-pane))
  (unless (boundp 'w:typeout-window)
    (setq w:typeout-window
          (make-instance 'w:typeout-window
            :deexposed-typeout-action '(:expose-for-typeout)
            :font-map '(fonts:tr12 fonts:tr12i fonts:tr12b fonts:tr12bi)
            :io-buffer w:io-buffer
            :superior self)))
  (setq tv:process (make-process w:name :special-pdl-size 4000.
                                           :regular-pdl-size 4000))
  (process-preset tv:process self :command-loop)
  (send tv:process :run-reason self)
  (send selection-menu-pane :add-highlighted-value '*important-variables*))
```

#### Handling a Long-Running Process

6.6.4 Sometimes you might want to execute a make-system or some other long-running process in a Lisp Listener, but you do not want to wait for the function to complete before you can perform some other task. Yet if you deexpose the Lisp Listener, the process executing in the Lisp Listener may stop if it must perform any typeout on the deexposed Lisp Listener.

The following example shows a solution to this problem: set the Lisp Listener's deexposed-typeout action to :permit and the process priority to a low value. Because the default deexposed typeout action for the Lisp Listener is :permit, this example is present only for illustrative purposes.

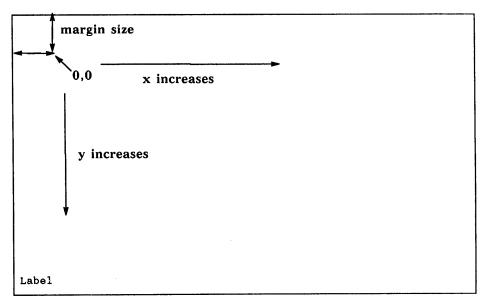
```
(defun window-permit (flavor &optional priority quantum)
  "Find a flavor window and set its deexposed-typeout-action to
     :permit.
 If the optional priority parameter is given, set the window's
    process priority.
 If the optional quantum parameter is given, set the window's process
     quantum."
   (check-arg priority (or (null priority) (number priority))
     "a number")
   (check-arg quantum (or (null quantum) (numberp quantum)
                          (plusp quantum)) "a positive number")
  (let ((this-window (or (and (eq (typep w:selected-window) flavor)
                               w:selected-window)
                          (w:find-window-of-flavor flavor))))
     (unless (boundp 'this-window)
       (setq this-window (make-instance flavor
                           :superior w:default-screen))
       (send this-window :activate))
     (send this-window :set-deexposed-typeout-action :permit)
     (when priority
       (send (send this-window :process) :set-priority priority))
     (when quantum
       (send (send this-window :process) :set-quantum quantum))))
(window-permit 'w:lisp-listener -2 15.)
(window-permit 'w:telnet)
```

### OUTPUT OF TEXT

#### Introduction

7.1 All windows can function as output streams, displaying output as if it were on the screen of an ordinary video display terminal. The w:minimum-window flavor implements the methods of the Explorer output stream protocol as well as many additional output methods such as :insert-line. (See the Explorer Input/Output Reference manual for a description of the standard output methods.) Every window has a current cursor position; its main use is to show where to put characters that are drawn. Windows handle typeout by drawing characters at the cursor position and moving the cursor position forward past the just-drawn character.

Cursor position arguments to stream methods are always expressed as inside window coordinates, that is, coordinates relative to the upper left corner of the inside part of the window; therefore the margins do not count in cursor positioning. The cursor position always stays in the inside portion of the window and never enters the margins. The point (0,0) is at the top left corner of the window; x coordinate values increase to the right, and y coordinate values increase towards the bottom.

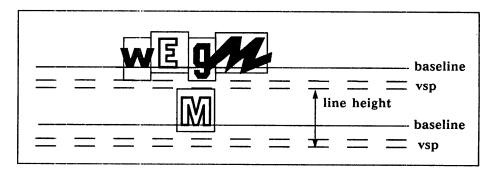


The x cursor position is the position of the left edge of the character box of the next character output. The leftmost nonzero pixels of the character can be either left or right of the edge of the character box, according to the left kern of the character. (See paragraph 9.8, Format of Fonts, for more details about left kern values.)

The y cursor position is the position of the top of the character on the line being output. If only a single font is in use, the top of the character box is at this vertical position.

In fact, characters are positioned so that their baselines come out on the baseline of the line. When characters of different fonts are used in the line,

they come out with baselines aligned rather than with their top edges aligned. The position of the character's baseline is a property of its font. The window's baseline is computed from the set of fonts in use to provide enough space above the baseline for any of the fonts.



Every window has a font map, an array of fonts in which characters on the window can be typed. At any given time, one of these is the window's current font. The methods that type out characters always use the window's current font. For now, fonts are described only enough to explain the character width and line height of the window; these two units are used by many of the methods documented in this section. The character width is the char width attribute—the amount of space that the cursor moves when it prints the character, which is typically the width of the character—of the first font in the font map.

The line height is the sum of the vertical spacing of the window and the maximum of the *char height* of the fonts. The vertical spacing is an attribute of the window that controls how much vertical spacing there is between successive lines of text. That is, each line is as tall as the tallest font is, and you can add vertical spacing between lines by controlling the vertical spacing of the window. Methods for controlling the vertical spacing are documented in paragraph 7.10, Window Parameters Affecting Output. No instance variable holds the vertical spacing, but the system can compute it from the line height and the font map.

Every window has a *current font*, which the window's methods use to determine the font to type in. If you are not interested in fonts, you can allow the system to supply a default font. In some fonts, all characters have the same width; these are called *fixed-width fonts*. The default font is an example of a fixed-width font. In other fonts, each character has its own width; these are called *variable-width fonts*. With variable-width fonts, it is not meaningful to express horizontal positions in numbers of characters, because different characters have different widths.

When a character is drawn, it is combined with the existing contents of the pixels of the window according to an ALU argument. The different ALU arguments for a monochrome environment are described in paragraph 12.2, ALU Arguments. When characters are drawn, the value of the window's w:char-aluf instance variable is the ALU argument used. Normally w:char-aluf says that the bits of the character should be bit-wise logically ORed with the existing contents of the window. This means that if you type a character, set the cursor position back to where it was, and type out a second character, then the two characters both appear, ORed together one on top of the other. This is called overstriking. Erasure is also done using an ALU argument, which the window can specify, called the w:erase-aluf instance variable.

Normally this is an ALU argument that ANDs the old pixel value with the complement of the area erased.

Windows display reverse video by interchanging the normal values of the w:char-aluf and w:erase-aluf so that erasing an area sets it to 1 and drawing a character clears the character's pixels to 0.

The same ALU operations that are available in the monochrome environment are also available in the color environment, as well as other operations. The color ALU arguments are described in paragraph 19.6, Color ALU Functions. Anything drawn on the window using the general ALU arguments writes in the foreground color and erases to the background color. If an existing application uses the general arguments, in most cases you need do nothing to update them for color. However, if an existing application uses w:alu-xor to draw output to the window, you should use a color ALU function while running in a color environment.

If you plan to use your application on both color and monochrome systems, you should use w:char-aluf or w:combine (w:alu-transp) and w:erase-aluf or w:erase (w:alu-back) for the two general ALUs. These two ALUs have the desired effect on a color system while behaving as if they were w:alu-ior and w:alu-andca on a monochrome system. However, w:alu-transp and w:alu-back are not merely different names for w:alu-ior and w:alu-andca.

w:char-width window

Instance Variable of windows

Macro

Contains the character width of the window. The character width is not used for ordinary output, because each font determines its own widths. w:charwidth, which is expressed in pixels, is used for interpreting cursor positions expressed in characters. The macro can access the instance variable to get or change the value of the variable, depending on how the macro is used in code.

w:line-height window

Instance Variable of windows
Macro

Contains the line height of the window. The line height is actually used for outputting a #\return character. w:line-height, which is expressed in pixels, is used for interpreting cursor positions expressed in lines.

## How a Character Is Displayed

- 7.2 Typeout does more than just draw a character on the screen; typeout also handles these situations:
- Moving the cursor to the proper place
- Processing nonprinting characters reasonably
- Attempting to display outside the edges of the window
- Enabling \*\*MORE\*\* processing, which causes \*\*MORE\*\* breaks to occur at the proper time

Figure 7-1 shows a pseudo-code example of the logic that types out characters to the window. For information about the Explorer character set, see the discussion of input functions in the *Explorer Input/Output Reference* manual.

The following paragraphs use the sharp-sign backslash construct for special character codes. This construct is discussed in the section on characters in the *Explorer Lisp Reference* manual.

#### Figure 7-1

```
Pseudo-Code for Character Displaying
   Handle output exceptions
                                                                      1
IF character is printable
  THEN
                                                                      [2]
   print the character
     move the cursor to the right by the width of the
         character
  ELSEIF character is a #\tab
     THEN
                                                                      3
     move the cursor to the next tab stop
  ELSEIF character is a #\return
                                                                      4
     IF cr-not-newline flag = 0
           THEN
             move the cursor to the far left and down one line
             display the character as a lozenge
        ENDIF
  ELSEIF character is a #\backspace
     THEN
        IF backspace-not-overprinting flag = 0
           THEN
                                                                      5
        move the cursor left by one character width
                but not past the inside-left edge
           ELSE
                                                                      6
         display the character as a lozenge
        ENDIF
  ELSEIF character is a defined character code
      THEN
                                                                      7
      display the character as a lozenge
  ELSE
                                                                      8
    display the character's octal code number as a lozenge
```

In more detail, the system uses the following procedure to output characters:

- ☐ First, any output exceptions that are present are dealt with and made to disappear. (See paragraph 7.4, Output Exceptions.)
- 2 If the character is a printable character, the character is typed in the current font at the current cursor position, and the cursor position moves to the right by the width of the character.

If the character is one of the format constructs #\tab, #\return, or #\back-space, the character is handled in a special way.

The #\tab construct causes the cursor to move one position to the right to the next tab stop, moving at least one character width. Tab stops are equally spaced across the window. The :tab-nchars initialization option sets the distance between tab stops using the w:char-width instance variable. The :tab-nchars initialization option defaults to eight but can be changed.

Normally, the #\return construct causes the cursor position to be moved to the inside left edge of the window one line down, and clears the line. The #\return construct also initiates \*\*MORE\*\* processing and the end-of-page condition processing. However, if the window's :cr-not-newline-flag initialization option is on, the #\return construct is not regarded as a format construct and is displayed as (RETURN), like other special characters.

If the character being typed out is #\backspace, the result depends on the value set by the window's :backspace-not-overprinting-flag initialization option.

- If :backspace-not-overprinting-flag is 0, as is the default, the cursor position is moved left by one character width, or to the inside left edge, whichever is less.
- If :backspace-not-overprinting-flag is 1, #\backspace is treated like all other special characters.
- All special characters other than #\tab, #\return, or #\backspace have their names typed out in tiny letters surrounded by a lozenge, and the cursor position is moved right by the width of the lozenge. For example, \#escape would be displayed as (EBCAPE).
- If an undefined character code is typed out, the character is treated like a special character; the octal code number of the special character is displayed in a lozenge.

#### Stream Output

7.3 The following paragraphs discuss methods affecting stream output.

:tyo char &optional font color w:sheet-tyo window char &optional font color Method of windows Function

Types a character specified by *char* on the window (either the current window or *window*) at the current cursor position and advances the cursor to the next position. *font* is the font object to use when typing out the character. If *font* is not specified, :tyo uses the current font.

The optional *color* argument specifies the value or name of a color in the color map. The value can range from range 0 to 255; an example of a name is w:green. The system-defined color names are listed in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map Table. The default color is the value of w:sheet-foreground-color (the foreground color of the window to which you are drawing). Note that in a monochrome environment the *color* argument is ignored; therefore, your application can be used on both color and monochrome systems.

:string-out string & optional (start 0) (end nil) color :line-out string & optional (start 0) (end nil) color :fat-string-out string & optional (start 0) (end nil) color Method of windows Method of windows Method of windows

Types a string on the window. These methods are more efficient than moving characters singly.

:string-out performs as if each character in the string, or the specified substring, were printed with the :tyo method, but :string-out is much faster. :line-out does the same thing as :string-out and then advances the cursor to

the next line, like typing a #\return construct. The execution of :line-out is not affected by the :cr-not-newline-flag initialization option.

:fat-string-out types a string on the window using the font attribute of each character. The window's current font is not used. This method is similar to the one used by the Zmacs editor to display lines that contain characters from different fonts.

Arguments:

string — The string to be typed on the window.

start — The first character of the string to be printed. Recall that the Explorer system uses a zero-based index for strings.

end — The last character to be printed. If end is nil, all of string from start to the last character of the string is typed on the window.

If neither start nor end is specified, the entire string is typed.

color — The value or name of a color in the color map. The value can range from range 0 to 255; an example of a name is w:green. The system-defined color names are listed in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map Table. The default color is the value of w:sheet-foreground-color (the foreground color of the window to which you are drawing). Note that in a monochrome environment the color argument is ignored; therefore, your application can be used on both color and monochrome systems.

For example, the following code types a string on the window in the color red:

```
(send my-window :line-out "This is a red string" 0 20 w:red)
```

:string-out-up string &optional (start 0) (end nil) color :string-out-down string &optional (start 0) (end nil) color Method of windows
Method of windows

Prints a string that is rotated. :string-out-up prints string on the window by drawing the characters turned 90° counter-clockwise and moving up toward the top of the window. :string-out-down prints string on the window by drawing the characters turned 90° clockwise and moving down toward the bottom of the window. The arguments to these methods are the same as the arguments to the :string-out method.

These methods execute very slowly, but they are useful for labelling the y-axis of a graph.

For example, when the following code is evaluated in a Zmacs buffer, it produces an image similar to the following:

```
(send w:selected-window :set-cursorpos 200 500)
(send w:selected-window :string-out-up "This string goes up.")
(send w:selected-window :string-out " XXX ")
(send w:selected-window :string-out-down "This string goes down.")
```

```
This string goes down.
```

w:draw-char font char x y alu window-or-array & optional color w:draw-char-up font character & optional (x nil) (y nil)

(alu nil) (window w:selected-window) color w:draw-char-down font character & optional (x nil) (y nil)

(alu nil) (window w:selected-window) color

Function Function

Function

Draws char of font on window-or-array using alu. The upper left corner of char begins at (x,y). x and y are relative to window's outside edges. char can have a width greater than 32.

The optional *color* argument specifies the value or name of a color in the color map. The value can range from range 0 to 255; an example of a name is w:green. The system-defined color names are listed in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map Table. The default color is the value of w:sheet-foreground-color (the foreground color of the window to which you are drawing). Note that in a monochrome environment the *color* argument is ignored; therefore, your application can be used on both color and monochrome systems.

w:draw-char-up draws characters that advance up the video display; w:draw-char-down draws characters that advance down the video display. These functions are analogous to the :string-out-up and the :string-out-down methods.

:draw-char font char x y & optional alu color

Method of w:stream-mixin

Draws char of font using alu. The upper left corner of char begins at (x,y). x and y are relative to window's outside edges. font need not be a member of the window's font map. alu defaults to the value of the w:char-aluf instance variable for the window.

The optional *color* argument specifies the value or name of a color in the color map. The value can range from range 0 to 255; an example of a name is w:green. The system-defined color names are listed in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map Table. The default color is the value of w:sheet-foreground-color (the foreground color of the window to which you are drawing). Note that in a monochrome environment the *color* argument is ignored; therefore, your application can be used on both color and monochrome systems.

:string-out-centered string &optional left right top color

Method of windows

Outputs a string to the window and centers the string within specified parameters. The cursor is at the end of the string when this method completes execution. If the string contains multiple lines, the entire rectangular shape it occupies is centered as a unit. To center lines individually, you should output each line individually with this method.

Arguments:

string — The string to be typed on the window.

- left, right The leftmost or rightmost position, in pixels, of the window that determines centering. left defaults to 0; right defaults to the inside width of the sheet.
- top The vertical position, in pixels, of the top of the output, relative to the window's top margin.
- color The value or name of a color in the color map. The value can range from range 0 to 255; an example of a name is w:green. The system-defined color names are listed in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map Table. The default color is the value of w:sheet-

**foreground-color** (the foreground color of the window to which you are drawing). Note that in a monochrome environment the *color* argument is ignored; therefore, your application can be used on both color and monochrome systems.

:fresh-line

Method of windows

Moves the cursor position to the beginning of a blank line. :fresh-line does this in one of two ways:

- If the cursor is already at the beginning of a line (that is, at the inside left edge of the window), :fresh-line clears the line to make sure it is blank and leaves the cursor where it was.
- Otherwise, :fresh-line advances the cursor to the next line and clears the line just as if a #\return had been output.

The execution of this method is not affected by the :cr-not-newline-flag initialization option.

:display-lozenged-string string &optional color

Method of windows

Outputs the value of *string* enclosed in a lozenge. This is how special characters are echoed, such as (RETURN) for the RETURN key.

Arguments:

string — The string to be typed on the window.

color — The value or name of a color in the color map. The value can range from range 0 to 255; an example of a name is w:green. The system-defined color names are listed in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map Table. The default color is the value of w:sheet-foreground-color (the foreground color of the window to which you are drawing). Note that in a monochrome environment the color argument is ignored; therefore, your application can be used on both color and monochrome systems.

w:sheet-line-out window string &optional (start 0) (end nil) set-xpos set-ypos dwidth color

**Function** 

Performs a line output function, handling font changes and line overflows. If any existing characters are present, w:sheet-line-out erases them from the line of the window. The font changes are stored in the font attribute of each character. Line overflows are handled if the right-margin-character flag is set for this window; otherwise, the line is truncated. w:sheet-line-out is used for line redisplay in the Zmacs editor.

Arguments:

window — The window on which the text is displayed.

- string The string to be displayed. The start and end arguments can specify that only a part of string be displayed.
- start The first character of the string to be printed. Recall that the Explorer system uses a zero-based index for strings.
- end The last character to be printed. If end is nil, all of string from start to the last character of the string is typed on the window.
- set-xpos, set-ypos The x and y window coordinates, in pixels, where the first character of string is displayed. If either or both of these arguments are nil or are not specified, the appropriate coordinate of the current cursor position is used.

dwidth — Prevents inadvertently erasing the end of an existing line. For example, if the line being displayed is italic font, the last character may extend into the area where w:sheet-line-out displays string. Because w:sheet-line-out erases all existing characters between start and end, dwidth allows w:sheet-line-out to redisplay the last character you want of the existing line and then to display string. Specifying dwidth makes sense only if start is specified.

color — The value or name of a color in the color map. The value can range from range 0 to 255; an example of a name is w:green. The system-defined color names are listed in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map Table. The default color is the value of w:sheet-foreground-color (the foreground color of the window to which you are drawing). Note that in a monochrome environment the color argument is ignored; therefore, your application can be used on both color and monochrome systems.

#### **Output Exceptions**

7.4 Before sending output to a window, the window system checks for various exceptional conditions. If an exceptional condition is discovered, the window system invokes a standard method to handle it. Redefining or adding :before and :after methods to these methods can change the handling of exceptions. For example, output that puts the cursor too close to the right margin causes an end-of-line exception; the handling of this exception moves the cursor to the next line or truncates the line or whatever the window's flavor specifies. There are four exceptional conditions: end-of-line, end-of-page, more, and output-hold.

The exceptions are actually indicated by flag bits that are automatically set in the window. If the method handling the exception is invoked, it should do nothing unless the corresponding flag is set and should not return with the flag still set; otherwise, an error is signaled.

- The end-of-line, end-of-page, and more flags are set and cleared automatically by moving the cursor; the flags are set if and only if the cursor is in the right place for them. Thus, the exception handler need only make sure to move the cursor to a proper place.
- The output-hold flag is set when a window is deexposed. Usually, the output-hold exception handler simply waits for or brings about a situation in which the reason for the output-hold exception is no longer valid, typically because the window has been exposed.

## Deexposed Typeout Actions

7.4.1 When a process attempts to type out on a window that is deexposed and that has its output hold flag set, what happens depends on the window's deexposed typeout action. The deexposed typeout action can be any of certain keyword symbols, or it can be a list. After the specified action is taken, if the output hold flag is still set, the process waits for it to clear. The action may affect the value of the output hold flag.

:deexposed-typeout-action action

Initialization Option of windows

Gettable, settable. Default: :normal

w:sheet-deexposed-typeout-action window

Macro

Initializes a window's deexposed typeout action to *action*. The macro returns the value. The deexposed typeout action can have any of the following values:

Value

#### Description

:normal

No action—the process waits for the output hold flag to clear.

:expose

Sends the window an :expose message. If the superior has a screen-array, this message may expose the window; if it does expose the window, the output hold flag is probably cleared, allowing typeout to proceed immediately. If the superior is the screen, :expose provides a very different user interface from :normal.

:permit

Permits typeout even though the window is not exposed, as long as the window has a screen array; that is, the window can type out on its own bit-save array even though it is not exposed. The next time the window is exposed, the updated contents are retrieved from the bit-save array.

:permit turns off the output hold flag if the window has a screen array. This mode has the disadvantage that output can appear on the window without anything being visible to the user, who might never see what is going on and might miss something interesting.

You can request that output in this mode to partially visible windows be transferred to the screen periodically. See the description of the w:screen-manage-update-permitted-windows variable in paragraph 5.9.3, Control of Partial Visibility.

:notify

Notifies the user when there is an attempt to do output on the window by sending a :notice message to the window with an :output argument. (The :notice message is described in paragraph 18.2, Notifications.) The default response to this message is to notify the user that the window wants to type out and to put the window on a list for TERM 0 S to select it. Telnet windows have :notify deexposed typeout action by default.

:error

Signals an error.

a list of the form (operation arguments...)

Sends the window a message with operation and arguments.

#### Description

Functions such as ed, whose purpose is to select a window for the user, should not return immediately. If ed returns immediately, then when it is called in a Lisp Listener with its deexposed typeout action set to :expose, the system would immediately switch back to the Lisp Listener after printing the value returned by ed. Because this would not allow a user to see the printed value, this action defeats the purpose of ed. To avoid this behavior, ed calls w:await-window-exposure.

#### w:await-window-exposure

Function

Waits to return until \*terminal-io\* is exposed (more precisely, until its :await-exposure operation returns).

#### :await-exposure

Method of windows

Does not return until the window is exposed. (Some window flavors implement it differently.)

#### w:sheet-force-access (window) body

Macro

Allows you to do typeout on a window that has a screen array even if its output hold flag is set. It works by turning off the output hold flag temporarily around the execution of body. This is useful for drawing on a window while it is not visible. For example, changing the menu items of a menu redraws the menu contents immediately even if the menu is not visible; this is because it looks better to the user for the menu to become visible in one instant with the correct contents.

If the window is exposed, w:sheet-force-access outputs to it. If the window is not exposed but has a bit-save array, the output goes into the bit-save array. If the window is not exposed and does not have a bit-save array, w:sheet-force-access does nothing; it returns without evaluating body.

For example, when a text scroll window is given a new item generator, the new generator completely changes the text that it should display. The window is redisplayed in its bit-save array if necessary.

#### Output-Hold and End-of-Page Exceptions

7.4.2 Output-hold and end-of-page exceptions cause the window system to perform two actions. First, if the window's output-hold flag is set, an output-hold exception occurs. The window system invokes the :output-hold-exception method to handle it.

Next, if the end-of-page flag is set, the window system invokes the :end-of-page-exception method to handle an end-of-page exception. The end-of-page flag is usually set if the y position of the cursor is less than one line height above the inside bottom edge of the window.

#### :handle-exceptions

Method of windows

Performs all the exception processing described in the rest of this section. Exceptions are processed in the following order: output-hold, end-of-page, more, and end-of-line.

#### :output-hold-exception

Method of windows

Should not return until the output-hold is cleared. :output-hold-exception may wait for the output-hold flag to be cleared or try to cause it to be cleared. The window's deexposed typeout action determines the default action for this method. For example, if the window's deexposed typeout action is :notify, a window pops up to let the user know that the original window is trying to send output.

#### w:sheet-output-hold-flag &optional window

Macro

Returns the output-hold flag of window, which is 1 if there is a hold and 0 if there is no hold. This macro can be used with setf.

#### :end-of-page-exception

Method of windows

Handles the end-of-page exception when present. It does nothing if invoked when the flag is 0.

The default definition is simply to move the cursor to the top line, clear that line, and set the vertical position for the next \*\*MORE\*\* if \*\*MORE\*\* processing is enabled.

#### w:sheet-end-of-page-flag &optional window

Macro

Returns the end-of-page flag of window, which is 1 if the next output method should wrap and 0 otherwise. This macro can be used with setf.

## \*\*MORE\*\* Exceptions

7.4.3 If the window's more flag is set, a \*\*MORE\*\* exception happens. The more flag is set when the cursor is moved to a new line; for example, when a #\return is typed, the cursor is positioned below the more vpos of the window. If w:more-processing-global-enable is nil, this exception is suppressed and the more flag is turned off. The :more-exception method is invoked to handle the exception.

The more flag is set only when the cursor moves to the next line because a #\return is typed out, after a :line-out, or by the :end-of-line-exception method. The more flag is not set when the cursor position of the window is explicitly set—for example, with :set-cursorpos. In fact, explicitly setting the cursor position clears the more flag. When typeout is being output sequentially to the window, \*\*MORE\*\* exceptions happen at the proper times to pause while the user reads the text that is being typed. When cursor positioning is being used, however, the system cannot guess what order the user is reading text in and when (if ever) is the proper time to stop. In this case, it is up to the application program to provide any necessary pauses.

The algorithm that sets the vertical position in the next \*\*MORE\*\* exception never overwrites something before you have had a chance to read it, and the algorithm tries to execute a \*\*MORE\*\* only if a large amount of output occurs. However, if output starts near the bottom of the window, there is no way to tell how much output will occur. If little output is processed, you do not want to be bothered by a \*\*MORE\*\*, so the algorithm does not execute one immediately. This postponement may make it necessary to cause a \*\*MORE\*\* break somewhere other than at the bottom of the window. As

additional output happens, the position of successive \*\*MORE\*\* exceptions migrates and eventually ends up at the bottom of the window.

#### w:sheet-more-flag &optional window

Macro

Returns the more flag, which is 1 if the next output method should execute a \*\*MORE\*\*, and 0 otherwise. This macro can be set using setf.

:more-vpos w:sheet-more-vpos window Method of windows
Macro

Returns the vertical position at which the next \*\*MORE\*\* should happen during output to the window. The macro accesses the instance variable.

#### w:more-processing-global-enable

Variable

Default: nil

Determines whether \*\*MORE\*\* processing occurs. \*\*MORE\*\* processing does not happen if this variable is **nil** during the output method in which the \*\*MORE\*\* would have happened.

#### :more-exception

Method of windows

Invokes a :clear-eol method, types out \*\*MORE\*\*, reads a character using the :tyi method, restores the cursor position to where it was originally when the :more-exception was detected, executes another :clear-eol to wipe out the \*\*MORE\*\*, and resets the w:more-vpos instance variable. The character read in is ignored.

:more-exception works by calling w:sheet-more-handler if the more flag is set. :more-exception should do nothing if the flag is set to 0. If you want to customize :more-exception, you should redefine :more-exception to call the w:sheet-more-handler function with different arguments and to do other things as well. You should not write a new definition from scratch, because of the complexity of the w:sheet-more-handler function.

#### w:sheet-more-handler & optional (method read-char)

Function

(more-string w:\*unidirectional-more-standard-message\*)

Implements the standard handling of \*\*MORE\*\* exceptions.

Arguments:

method — The method to use when reading input.

more-string — The output to be printed and then erased.

#### w:\*unidirectional-more-standard-message\*

Variable

Default: "\*\*MORE\*\*"

A default string displayed to indicate that more information can be displayed than is currently visible. The user can request the next window of text by pressing the space bar. Once text has scrolled off the display, however, the user cannot look at that text again (hence the name unidirectional). For example, typeout windows are unidirectional.

#### w:\*bidirectional-more-standard-message\*

Variable

Default: "--MORE--"

A default string displayed to indicate that more information can be displayed than is currently visible. The user can move towards the beginning or end of the text by using the CTRL-V and META-V keystroke sequences, respectively. For example, the buffers invoked by the Zmacs View File command are bidirectional.

#### w:autoexposing-more-mixin

Flavor

If a window includes the w:autoexposing-more-mixin flavor, the window is exposed when a :more-exception method executes, meaning that an :expose message is sent to it. This flavor is intended to be used with a deexposed typeout action of :permit so that a process can type out on a deexposed window and then have the window expose itself when a \*\*MORE\*\* break happens.

## End-of-Line Exceptions

7.4.4 If the cursor is at or near the end of the line so that there is no room to output the next character, an end-of-line exception happens. The :end-of-line-exception method is invoked to handle it. A flag is not used to trigger this exception because the condition depends on the width of the character output.

The way the cursor position advances to the next line when it reaches the right edge of the window is called *horizontal wraparound* or *continuation*. If you prefer, you can make windows that truncate lines instead of wrapping around by using w:line-truncating-mixin.

#### :end-of-line-exception

Method of windows

Defined by default to advance the cursor to the next line, just as typing a #\return character does normally. Using this method may, in turn, cause an end-of-page exception or a more exception to happen. Furthermore, if w:right-margin-character-flag is on, then before going to the next line, an exclamation point in the current font is typed at the cursor position. When this flag is on, end-of-line exceptions occur earlier to make room for the exclamation point.

#### :tyo-right-margin-character xpos ypos ch

Method of windows

Prints a right margin character when the right margin character is to be printed. This is the facility that prints a ! at the right margin in Zmacs when text extends over more than one line.

#### Arguments:

xpos — Is ignored; the right margin is used instead.

ypos - The y pixel position where the margin is to be drawn.

ch - The character to be drawn as the right margin character.

#### w:line-truncating-mixin

Flavor

#### Required flavor: w:stream-mixin

Gives a window the ability to truncate lines at the right margin instead of continuing output onto the next line as usual. Truncation is performed if the window's truncate-line-out flag is set. When the cursor position is near the right-hand edge of the window and there is an attempt to type out a character, the character simply is not typed out.

:truncate-line-out-flag flag Initialization Option of w:line-truncating-mixin w:sheet-truncate-line-out-flag &optional window Macro

Initializes the truncate-line-out flag of the window to the value of flag: 1 causes truncation and 0 does not. The macro returns or sets this flag for window.

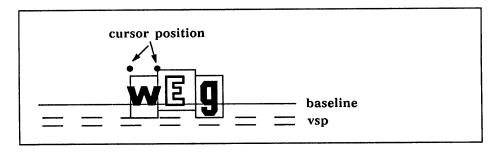
#### w:truncating-window

Flavor

Built on the w:window flavor with w:line-truncating-mixin mixed in. A window instantiated of this flavor is like regular windows of flavor w:window except that lines are truncated instead of wrapping around (that is, the truncate-line-out flag is set to 1).

#### **Cursor Motion**

7.5 The window's cursor position is where the upper left corner of the next output character appears, with a vertical offset if necessary to match up the baselines of various fonts.



#### Cursor Position for Stream Operations

7.5.1 Recall that cursor position arguments and values of stream methods are relative to the inside upper left corner of the window. Using the following methods, the end-of-page, more, and end-of-line exception flags are set if the cursor is moved to a position where the flags should be on, and the flags can be cleared if they were previously on and the cursor is moved to a place where the flags should be off.

#### :read-cursorpos & optional (units :pixel)

Method of windows

Returns two values: the x and y coordinates of the cursor position. These coordinates are expressed in pixels by default, but if units is :character, the coordinates are given in character widths and line heights. Character widths are of little significance when you are using variable-width fonts.

#### :increment-cursorpos x y &optional (units:pixel)

Method of windows

Advances the cursor position the specified amount for each coordinate. This method moves the cursor through a variable amount of space, rather than instantaneously jumping it to another position. This means that exceptions can happen, just as if output were being processed. Thus, the cursor wraps around at the margins or does whatever this window does when :end-of-line-exception, :end-of-page-exception, or \*\*MORE\*\* processing happens at the appropriate place.

#### Arguments:

- x, y The number of units, specified by the *units* argument, that the cursor position is adjusted.
- units A unit of measure. The default is :pixel, but :character can also be used. :character implies the character height and width, in pixels, of the current font. Character widths are of little significance when you are using variable-width fonts.

:set-cursorpos x y & optional (units :pixel) w:sheet-set-cursorpos window x y

Method of windows Function

Moves the cursor position to the specified coordinates immediately, without moving through the intervening space. If the coordinates are outside the window, this method moves the cursor position to the place within the window nearest the specified coordinates. The arguments for this method are identical to the arguments for :increment-cursorpos.

:home-cursor

Method of windows

Moves the cursor to the upper left corner of the window.

:home-down

Method of windows

Moves the cursor to the lower left corner of the window.

:forward-char & optional char :backward-char & optional char Method of windows Method of windows

Moves the cursor forward or backward, respectively, one character position, or, if *char* is specified, the width of *char* in the current font. Exceptions are processed. :forward-char is like outputting a space that has the appropriate width. With :backward-char, however, there is no reverse wraparound—if the cursor is at the left margin, the cursor does not move.

#### :size-in-characters

Method of windows

Returns two values: the dimensions of the window in units of character widths and in line heights.

:set-size-in-characters width-spec height-spec &optional option

Method of windows

Sets the inside size of the window to the specified width and height, without changing the position of the upper left corner.

Arguments:

width-spec — Either a number of characters or a character string. The inside width of the window is made wide enough to display those characters in the current font.

height-spec — Either a number of lines or a character string containing a certain number of lines separated by carriage returns. The inside height of the window is made high enough to display those lines in the current font.

option — Passed along to the :set-edges method. (This method is described in paragraph 4.3.2.)

NOTE: Character widths are of little significance when you are using variable-width fonts.

#### Cursor Position Relative to Outside Coordinates

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w:cursor-x w:sheet-cursor-x window w:cursor-y w:sheet-cursor-y window Instance Variable of windows
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Contains the x or y coordinate of the window's current cursor position. Note that these are outside coordinates. Unlike the arguments to stream methods, the coordinates refer to the outside upper left corner of the superior at the highest level in the window hierarchy containing this window. The instance variables are the number of pixels from coordinate 0,0 of the screen; see paragraph 5.7.1, Concepts of Screen Arrays, for an explanation of offsets.

The defsubsts access the respective instance variables. You can set these by using setf.

#### **Erasing**

7.6 Erasing methods and macros operate on window pixels by drawing the area to be erased using the window's w:erase-aluf instance variable as the ALU argument. This is by default w:alu-back, which clears the screen bits of the screen area drawn. (See paragraph 12.2, ALU Arguments, for more details about w:erase-aluf and w:alu-back. Also see w:erase in Table 12-2, ALU Values for Graphics Methods.)

:clear-char &optional char w:sheet-clear-char window &optional char Method of windows Macro

Erases the character at the current cursor position for window. char determines the width of the character being erased. When variable-width fonts are used, the character code of the character being erased specifies how wide the character is. The default is the current font. If you do not specify char, the :clear-char method simply erases a character width of the current font, which is fine for fixed-width fonts. You should specify char when you are working with variable-width fonts.

#### :clear-string string &optional start end

Method of windows

Erases enough space, starting at the cursor, to contain a string or a portion of a string printed in the current font. Using a fixed-width font is equivalent to executing:clear-char once for each character in the string. The:clear-string method is necessary because of variable-width fonts.

If string contains return characters, then each part of string clears characters from successive lines of the screen. That is, the first part of string, from the beginning to the first return, clears space on the first line of the screen equal to the length of the first part of string. The next part of string, from the first return to the next return, clears space on the next line of the screen equal to the length of that part of string, and so on. For example, consider the following code:

```
(progn ()
   (send w:selected-window :clear-string
   "ABCDEFGH
   12345
   987654321")
   (send w:selected-window :set-cursorpos 500 500))
```

Suppose that the screen contents are as follows:

Text that originally covers the screen so that you can see the effect of the :clear-string method.

Then, when the code is executed, the screen appears as follows:

t originally covers the screen at you can see the effect of r-string method.

#### Arguments:

string -- How much space on the window is to be erased. The entire height of the line is erased, so it does not matter whether the text on the screen is string or something else; string determines how far horizontally to erase.

start — The index position in the string where erasing is to begin. Recall that the Explorer system uses a zero-based index for strings.

end - The index position of the string where erasing is to end.

#### :clear-eol w:sheet-clear-eol window

Method of windows Function

Erases from the current cursor position to the end of the current line. That is, :clear-eol erases a rectangle horizontally from the cursor position to the inside right edge of the window, and vertically from the cursor position to one line height below the cursor position.

#### :clear-eof w:sheet-clear-eof window

Method of windows Function

Erases from the current cursor position to the bottom of the window. In more detail, :clear-eof first executes a :clear-eol, and then clears all of the window beyond the current line.

## :clear-screen w:sheet-clear window &optional (margins-p nil)

Method of windows Function

Erases the whole window and moves the cursor position to the upper left corner of the window. For the w:sheet-clear function, if margins-p is t, the function erases the margins of window as well as the contents of window.

#### :clear-between-cursorposes start-x start-y end-x end-y

Method of windows

Erases an area starting at cursor position *start-x* and *start-y*, wrapping around, if necessary, at the end of the line or the page, and ending at *end-x* and *end-y*.

Though the arguments are expressed as cursor positions relative to window's inside coordinates, the cursor position of the window is not changed.

# Inserting and Deleting Characters and Lines

7.7 Inserting a character means printing it at the current cursor position and pushing the rest of the text on the line toward the right margin. Similarly, deleting a character means pulling the following text on the line back toward the left so that the position occupied by the character is closed up. Inserting or deleting lines works the same way vertically, moving the lines below the cursor down or up.

Some methods use a numeric argument to specify the amount of space to insert or delete. These methods also use an argument to specify the unit in which the space is measured—either :pixel or :character. The unit can be the same as in the :read-cursorpos method, but the default is :character rather than :pixel.

#### :insert-char & optional (n 1) (unit :character)

Method of windows

Opens up a space in the line the cursor is currently on. This space is equal to the width of the specified number of characters or pixels and is created by shifting the characters to the right of the cursor farther to the right to make room. Characters pushed past the right edge of the window are lost.

#### Arguments:

n — The number of character widths or pixels to open up in the line.

unit — Whether: insert-char opens up character widths or pixel widths in the line. If unit is:pixel,:insert-char opens up the specified number of pixels. If unit is:character,:insert-char opens up the specified number of character widths. In this case,:insert-char assumes that all characters are one character width wide and thus does nothing useful with variable-width fonts.

## :insert-string string &optional (start 0) (end nil) (type-too t) color

Method of windows

Inserts a string at the current cursor position by moving the rest of the line to the right to make room for it. Characters pushed past the right edge of the window are lost.

#### Arguments:

string — The string to insert. This argument can also be a number, in which case the character with that code is inserted.

start — The index position in the string of the first character to be inserted. Recall that the Explorer system uses a zero-based index for strings.

end — The index position in the string of the last character to be inserted.

type-too — Whether string is actually typed in the space opened up. If type-too is nil, string is not actually printed; the space opened up is big enough for the string but is left blank.

color — The value or name of a color in the color map. The value can range from range 0 to 255; an example of a name is w:green. The system-defined color names are listed in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map Table. The default color is the value of w:sheet-foreground-color (the foreground color of the window to which you are drawing). Note that in a monochrome environment the color argument is ignored; therefore, your application can be used on both color and monochrome systems.

:insert-line & optional (n 1) (unit :character)

Method of windows

Moves the line the cursor is currently on, as well as all the lines below it, down far enough to insert the specified number of lines. The line containing the cursor is moved in its entirety, not broken, no matter where the cursor is on the line. A blank line is created at the cursor position. Lines pushed off the bottom of the window are lost.

Arguments:

n -- The number of lines or pixels of space to open up.

unit — Whether :insert-line opens up a specified number of lines (for :character) or pixels (for :pixel).

:delete-char & optional (n 1) (unit :character)

Method of windows

Deletes the character at the current cursor position and moves any remaining text on the line to the left to close up the empty space.

Arguments:

n — The number of characters or pixels to delete, starting at the current cursor position and deleting the specified number to the right.

unit — Whether to delete characters or pixels. If unit is :character, :delete-char deletes characters, and the method assumes that all characters are one character width wide. Thus, :delete-char does not do anything useful with variable-width fonts.

:delete-string string &optional (start 0) (end nil)

Method of windows

Uses string to determine the region to be removed from its window. :delete-string should be used to delete strings containing variable-width fonts.

If string is a string (or a substring specified by start and end):delete-string removes a region exactly as wide as that (sub)string beginning at the current cursor position, and closes the gap by moving to the left the part of the current line that is to the right of the removed region. If string is a number, it is considered to be a character code. The single character is treated like a string containing that character.

:delete-line &optional (n 1) (unit :character)

Method of windows

Deletes the line at the current cursor position and closes the empty space by moving up any remaining text below the current line.

Arguments:

n — The number of lines or pixels to delete, starting at the current cursor position and deleting the specified number.

unit -- Whether to delete characters or pixels. If unit is :pixel, :delete-line deletes rows of pixels; if unit is :character, :delete-line deletes lines. If unit is :character, this argument assumes that all characters on the line are one character height high.

## Anticipating the Effect of Output

7.8 The following methods do not produce output but provide information about what would happen to the cursor and the screen if output were produced.

:character-width char & optional (font w:current-font)

Method of windows

Returns the width in pixels of the specified character.

Arguments:

- char The character whose width is to be returned. If char is #\tab, the value returned depends on the current position of the cursor. If char is #\return, the value returned is 0. If char is #\backspace, the value returned is a negative number. For other cases, the actual width of the character is returned.
- font The font of the character. If font is not specified, the current font is used.

:compute-motion string & optional (start 0) (end nil) Method of windows (x w:cursor-x) (y w:cursor-y) (cr-at-end-p nil) (stop-x 0) stop-y bottom-limit right-limit font line-height tab-width

w:sheet-compute-motion window x y string &optional (start 0) (end nil)

(cr-at-end-p nil) (stop-x 0) (stop-y nil)

bottom-limit right-limit font line-height tab-width

Determines where the cursor would be if a string were displayed on the window using the :string-out method. :compute-motion returns the following four values:

- 1. final-x The x position where output is computed to stop.
- 2. final-y The y position where output is computed to stop.
- 3. final-index One of three values:
  - The index in *string* where output would stop, which is useful for inserting strings at *start-x* and *end-x* positions
  - nil if the output would reach the end of the string
  - t if the string itself was processed but not the implicit return that was supposed to follow the string
- 4. maximum-x The largest x position value reached during processing.

All coordinates for this method are cursor positions, relative to the window's inside edges. However, if you specify all the arguments, you can use the origin of a different coordinate system as long as you interpret the values in the same coordinate system.

Arguments:

- string The string that would be typed on the window. This can be either a normal string or an array that contains elements of type :character.
- start The first character of the string. If start is nil, :compute-motion starts with the first character in the string. Recall that the Explorer system uses a zero-based index for strings.
- end The last character of the string. If end is nil, all of string from start to the last character of the string is used.
- x, y The starting x and y coordinates of the position where *string* would be typed. If either of these is not specified, the appropriate part of the current cursor position is used.
- cr-at-end-p Whether to perform the computations for a :string-out method (if cr-at-end-p is nil) or for a :line-out method (if cr-at-end-p is t). A :string-out method does not output a RETURN (a carriage return, or cr) at the end of the string; a :line-out method does.
- stop-x, stop-y Define the size of an imaginary window in which the string would be printed. :compute-motion stops if the cursor position becomes

simultaneously greater than or equal to both of these arguments. These arguments default to the lower left corner of the window. This corner is reached before the right one, because output goes from left to right on each line.

- bottom-limit The vertical position where wraparound begins. This argument defaults to the inside height of the window. bottom-limit differs from stop-y in that it causes :compute-motion to assume that text wraps around rather than stopping when the bottom of the window is reached.
- right-limit The farthest position to the right where text is typed. This argument defaults to the inside width of the window. right-limit differs from stop-x in that it causes :compute-motion to assume that text wraps around rather than stopping when the farthest position to the right in the window is reached.
- font The font to use in the computation. The computation normally uses font, or the current window's font if font is nil. If string is an array that contains elements of type:character, each character's font attribute is used as an index in the window's font map to find the font for that character, and font is ignored except possibly for defaulting the tab-width.
- line-height The vertical spacing to be used in the computation. The default for line-height is the line height of font if font is non-nil; otherwise, the default for line-height is the window's line height.
- tab-width The number of pixels between tab stops. If tab-width is omitted, :compute-motion defaults to one of the following:
  - If no font is specified (w:sheet-tab-width self)
  - If a font is specified (w:sheet-tab-nchars self) multiplied by (w:font-char-width font)

:string-length string &optional (start 0) (end nil) stop-x
font (start-x 0) tab-width

Method of windows

Determines how far the cursor would move if the string were to be displayed. The :string-length method is very much like :compute-motion, but works in only one dimension.

:string-length returns three values:

- 1. final-x Where the imaginary cursor ends up.
- 2. final-index The index of the next character in the string—the length of the string if the whole string were processed—or the index of the character that would have moved the cursor past stop-x.
- 3. maximum-x The maximum x coordinate reached by the cursor. This is the same as the first value unless there are #\return or #\backspace characters in the string.

See the :compute-motion method, described previously, for details about the arguments.

# Explicit (Noncursor) Output

7.9 A window has certain information about its state that can change as output is produced. This information includes the cursor position, the current font, alu argument, and exception flags. The presence of this information makes the window behave coherently as a stream so that the output from one method follows that of the previous method. Sometimes this behavior is not desirable. The explicit output methods use a window only for its position and size, with all additional information passed by the caller explicitly. In this way, multiple streams of output to the same window can exist without interfering with each other by trying to use a single cursor.

The x and y position arguments used by the following methods are relative to the outside edges of the window. This is different from the stream and higher-level methods, because these explicit output methods are frequently used for drawing parts of the margins, such as labels and margin regions.

:string-out-explicit string start-x start-y x-limit y-limit font Method of windows alu &optional (start 0) end multi-line-height color

Prints a string or a portion of a string on the window without using or moving the cursor position.

:string-out-explicit returns three values: the final x position, and the final index in the string. You can use these values to execute multiple methods in consecutive places on the screen.

Arguments:

string — The string to be typed on the window.

start-x, start-y — The position where the first character of string is to be typed.

x-limit, y-limit — The window coordinates where output of string stops. If x-limit or y-limit is non-nil, output stops if it reaches that position before typing out the entire string.

font - The font to use. There is no default; you must specify a font.

alu — Used when typing string on the window. The window's current ALU argument is not used or altered.

start — The index in string where output begins. The default displays the first character. Recall that the Explorer system uses a zero-based index for strings.

end — The index in string where output stops. If end is nil, all of string from start to the last character of the string is typed on the window.

multi-line-line-height — Line output height. If multi-line-line-height is a number, then the window's line height is ignored and the horizontal output position moves to start-x rather than the left margin for the next line of output. If #\return constructs are in the output and multi-line-line-height is nil, they are printed as (RETURN).

color — The value or name of a color in the color map. The value can range from range 0 to 255; an example of a name is w:green. The system-defined color names are listed in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map Table. The default color is the value of w:sheet-foreground-color (the foreground color of the window to which you are drawing). Note that in a monochrome environment the color argument is ignored; therefore, your application can be used on both color and monochrome systems.

:string-out-centered-explicit string &optional left y-pos right Method of windows y-limit font alu (start 0) end multi-line-height color

Outputs a string or a portion of a string, and centers the string horizontally.

Arguments: str

- string The string is the string to be output.
- left The left bounding window coordinate within which string is to be centered. This argument defaults to the inside left edge of the window.
- y-pos The vertical position where string is to be centered. This argument defaults to the inside top edge of the window.
- right The right bounding window coordinate within which string is to be centered. This argument defaults to the inside right edge of the window.
- y-limit The vertical limit where output is to stop if all of string has not been printed. The argument defaults to the inside bottom edge of the window.
- font The font to be used. This argument defaults to the window's current font.
- alu The ALU argument to be used. This argument defaults to the window's current ALU argument.
- start The index in string where output begins. The default displays the first character. Recall that the Explorer system uses a zero-based index for strings.
- end The index in string where output stops. If end is nil, all of string from start to the last character of the string is typed on the window.
- multi-line-line-height Line output height. If multi-line-line-height is a number, then the window's line height is ignored.
- color The value or name of a color in the color map. The value can range from range 0 to 255; an example of a name is w:green. The system-defined color names are listed in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map Table. The default color is the value of w:sheet-foreground-color (the foreground color of the window to which you are drawing). Note that in a monochrome environment the color argument is ignored; therefore, your application can be used on both color and monochrome systems.
- :string-out-x-y-centered-explicit string &optional left top right
  bottom font alu start end multi-line-line-height color

  Method of windows

Outputs a string centered both horizontally and vertically. It is horizontally centered between *left* and *right*, and vertically between *top* and *bottom*.

Arguments:

- string The string is the string to be output.
- left, top, bottom, right The bounding window coordinates within which string is to be centered. These arguments default to the inside edges of the window.
- font The font to be used. This argument defaults to the window's current font.
- alu The ALU argument to be used. This argument defaults to the window's current ALU argument.
- start The index in string where output begins. Recall that the Explorer system uses a zero-based index for strings.
- end The index in string where output stops.

multi-line-line-height — Line output height. If multi-line-line-height is a number, then the window's line height is ignored.

color — The value or name of a color in the color map. The value can range from range 0 to 255; an example of a name is w:green. The system-defined color names are listed in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map Table. The default color is the value of w:sheet-foreground-color (the foreground color of the window to which you are drawing). Note that in a monochrome environment the color argument is ignored; therefore, your application can be used on both color and monochrome systems.

NOTE: Many of the :string-out methods also have an associated function who name begins with w:sheet.

#### Window Parameters Affecting Text Output

7.10 The following methods and initialization options initialize, get, and set various window attributes that are relevant to typing out characters. See also the methods that manipulate the current font in paragraph 9.4, Flavors and Methods, and the functions that manipulate pixels in paragraph 5.5, Pixels.

:more-p t-or-nil

Initialization Option of windows

Gettable, settable. Default: t

Determines whether the window has \*\*MORE\*\* processing. t enables \*\*MORE\*\* processing; nil disables it. (See paragraph 7.4.3, \*\*MORE\*\* Exceptions.)

:vsp n-pixels

Initialization Option of windows

Gettable, settable. Default: 2.

Sets the amount of vertical spacing, in pixels, between lines of text for this window. The argument is the number of pixels.

:right-margin-character-flag x

Initialization Option of windows

Default: 0.

w:sheet-right-margin-character-flag &optional (window self)

Macro

Initializes the right-margin-character flag, which can be either 0 or 1. If x is 1, the window should print an exclamation point in the right margin when an end-of-line exception happens; if x is 0, it should not. The default is 0. (See paragraph 7.4.4, End-of-Line Exceptions for more details about the exception.)

This macro allows the value of the right-margin-character flag to be changed using the setf function. When used without an argument, w:sheet-right-margin-character-flag refers directly to the associated instance variable and therefore must be called from methods or functions that use (declare (:self-flavor ...)).

:backspace-not-overprinting-flag x

Initialization Option of windows

Default: 0.

w:sheet-backspace-not-overprinting-flag &optional (window self)

Macro

Initializes the window's backspace-not-overprinting flag, which can be either 0 or 1. If x is 0, output of #\backspace moves the cursor position backward; if it is 1, it displays the overstrike character in a lozenge. #\backspace, which is the synonym for the #\overstrike character, is exactly like other special characters. The default is 0. See paragraph 7.2, How a Character Is Displayed, for a description of how special characters are handled.

This macro allows the value of the right-margin-character flag to be changed using the setf function. When used without an argument, w:sheet-back-space-not-overprinting-flag refers directly to the associated instance variable and therefore must be called from methods or functions that use (declare (:self-flavor ...)).

:cr-not-newline-flag x

Initialization Option of windows

Default: 0.

w:sheet-cr-not-newline-flag &optional (window self)

Macro

Initializes the window's cr-not-newline flag, which can be either 0 or 1. If x is 0, output of #\return moves the cursor position to the beginning of the next line and clears that line; if x is 1, the output of a #\return character displays the word return in a lozenge. That is, #\return is treated exactly like other special characters. The default is 0. This flag affects neither the behavior of the :line-out nor the :fresh-line methods.

This macro allows the value of the right-margin-character flag to be changed using the setf function. When used without an argument, w:sheet-cr-not-newline-flag refers directly to the associated instance variable and therefore must be called from methods or functions that use (declare (:self-flavor ...)).

:tab-nchars n

Initialization Option of windows

Default: 8.

w:sheet-tab-nchars &optional (window self)

Macro

Initializes the window's tab size. The n argument specifies the separation of tab stops on this window, expressed in units of the window's character width. This initialization option controls how the #\tab construct prints.

This macro allows the value of the right-margin-character flag to be changed using the setf function. When used without an argument, w:sheet-tab-nchars refers directly to the associated instance variable and therefore must be called from methods or functions that use (declare (:self-flavor ...)).

w:sheet-tab-width &optional (window self)
Default: 64.

Macro

Returns the distance between tab stops, measured in pixels. To alter the tab width, you should use w:sheet-tab-nchars instead of this macro.

### **INPUT**

#### Introduction

8.1 Windows can function as input streams. (See the discussion of streams in the *Explorer Input/Output Reference* manual.) The w:stream-mixin flavor, a component of w:window, provides this ability. Input characters normally come from the terminal keyboard but can also come from clicking the mouse buttons or from programs.

Window selection controls which process reads keyboard input because all keyboard input passes through the selected window. In fact, the concept of selection exists to control which process receives input by selecting the appropriate window.

Reading characters from a window normally returns a character object that represents a character in the Explorer character set. Character constants in code are written with the  $\#\$  or #/ construct and are described in the Explorer Lisp Reference manual.

Programs decode character objects with the Common Lisp character functions. For example, the **char-code** function can be used to return the character code of a character object. Other functions can be used to extract other components, such as:

```
(char-mouse-button #\mouse-m-2) => 1
(char-mouse-clicks #\mouse-m-2) => 1
(char-bit #\mouse-m-2 :mouse) => t
(char-font #3\A) => 3
(char-bits #\control-A) => 1
```

Characters behave just like fixnums in arithmetic operations and are similar (=) but not identical (eq) to fixnums. :tyi and related stream methods continue to return fixnums, while new methods and functions are defined that return character objects instead. When you extract components of a character that is actually a fixnum, you should convert the fixnum to a character object before invoking the extraction function. For example,

```
(char-code (int-char 65)) => 65
```

where (int-char 65) converts the fixnum 65 to a character object, which is then passed to the char-code function.

The keyboard hardware actually sends codes to the Explorer whenever a key is pressed or lifted; thus, the Explorer system knows at all times which keys are pressed and which are not. You can use the w:key-state function to check whether a key is down or up. You can also program a window to read the raw hardware codes, exactly as they are sent, by putting a non-nil value of the :raw property on the property list of the input buffer; however, the format of the raw codes is dependent on the hardware implementation, and it is not documented here.

#### Input Buffers

8.2 Input buffers are examples of input/output (I/O) buffers, a general facility provided by the window system. Every window generating input or from which input is read must have an input buffer that holds characters typed by the user before any program reads the characters. When you type a character, the character enters the selected window's input buffer. I/O buffers are explained in paragraph 8.6. Reading input from a window with the read-char function removes objects from the window's input buffer. The w:stream-mixin flavor gives the window an input buffer, but other flavors, such as command menus, provide an input buffer without w:stream-mixin. The window's w:io-buffer instance variable points to the input buffer.

You can explicitly manipulate input buffers in order to perform certain advanced functions by using the :io-buffer initialization option and the :io-buffer and :set-io-buffer methods. Also, you can put properties on the I/O buffer's property list; this capability lets you use various special features.

A window can be thought of as generating input when the keyboard is used while the window is selected. This is how ordinary characters enter the input buffer. The :force-kbd-input method can generate input at any place in the program. For example, mouse clicks are often handled by forcing input, which the window's command-interpreting process reads. Thus, the mouse click can also be said to generate input.

All the input, no matter how it is generated, goes to the same input buffer in chronological order. All the input methods remove input from the buffer in chronological order, that is, in a first-in, first-out (FIFO) order.

All windows can share a single input buffer; thus, all input generated by all windows goes into one buffer, and the input can be read through any of the windows. All keyboard input directed at a window and all mouse clicks on the windows are merged into a single chronological input stream. The program simply reads input from one of the windows (always the same one if the programmer prefers) and receives all the input intended for the program.

The input buffer does not record which window was responsible for generating input to be read from a shared input buffer. For mouse clicks, the program may need to know which window was selected with the mouse in order to respond to the command properly. The standard way to pass this information is to use a list as the input character and make the window selected by the mouse one of the elements of the list. Such a list is called a blip.

Windows that use input methods must use w:stream-mixin. The other windows need to use a function such as w:io-buffer-put to put their input into the proper input buffer. It is often easiest to use w:stream-mixin to create buffers and to generate the input with :force-kbd-input. However, for windows that support the :io-buffer method, returning the correct shared input buffer and putting the generated input into that buffer is sufficient. This procedure works for input generated by the w:io-buffer-put function and for input sent to other windows by the :force-kbd-input method, if these other windows use w:stream-mixin.

If a frame includes a pane that is handled by its own process (such as a Zmacs frame), this pane should not share the input buffer used by the rest of the panes. In general, there should be one input buffer for each process you are using, and this input buffer should be shared by the windows used by that process.

Normally, to make windows share an input buffer, you should create the buffer using w:make-default-io-buffer and specify the input buffer for the :io-buffer initialization option when each pane is created. Also, certain frame flavors automatically make the panes share an input buffer. See paragraph 15.2, Constraint Frames, for details.

w:stream-mixin

Flavor

Defines the standard input stream methods for entering input from the keyboard, as well as some nonstandard input methods. The nonstandard :bitblt methods are discussed in paragraph 12.4.2, Bit Block Transferring.

#### w:kbd-last-activity-time

Variable

The value returned by the **time** function when the last input character was typed, or a mouse button was pressed, whichever is later.

:io-buffer spec

Initialization Option of w:stream-mixin

Gettable, settable.

Initializes the w:io-buffer instance variable to be the input buffer of the window. The *spec* argument can be an I/O buffer, a number, or a list. If *spec* is a number, an I/O buffer is made with the size specified by *spec*, no input function, and the default output function. If *spec* is a list, *spec* is interpreted as (size input-function output-function). If output-function is nil or omitted, w:kbd-default-output-function is used.

## **Blips**

8.3 Input does not have to be in the form of characters; lists are often used as well for program-generated input, especially for representing mouse clicks in different kinds of mouse-sensitive areas. Such lists are called *blips*. The car of the list is, by convention, a symbol that identifies the kind of blip. Various methods create blips, including the :command-menu method of w:menu and the :io-buffer method of w:basic-choose-variable-values. Details about blips are described with the method that produces the blip.

CAUTION: When using blips, you should keep in mind that the blips may be discarded if the process has called any function that does not know what to do with them. Two such functions are debugger and break, so this situation can happen at any time.

Blips should either describe mouse actions, which can safely be ignored if they happen when they are not meaningful, or blips should notify the process to check other data structures. A blip should not be used to indicate a request or response from another process because this information must not be lost. Instead, put the data on a separate queue and have the process check the queue after every command. A blip that does nothing serves to wake up the process if it is waiting for input when the data goes on the queue.

Using the :around method for :read-any causes blips to be processed even in the middle of calls to read, to the debugger, and to other programs that do not look for blips. The :around method can examine the value being returned. If the value is one of certain types of blips, you can process it and then loop around, calling the original :read-any handler again without returning to the caller. If the value is anything else, simply return it.

## Input Editor

**8.4** The *input editor*, formerly known as the *rubout handler*, is a feature of all interactive streams, that is, streams that connect to terminals. Its purpose is to allow the user to edit minor mistakes in type-in. At the same time, it is not supposed to get in the way; input should be seen by Lisp as soon as a syntactically complete form has been typed. The definition of syntactically complete form depends on the function that is reading from the stream; for read, a syntactically complete form is a Lisp expression.

There are three types of common input editors, which offer varying capabilities:

- Some interactive streams, such as editing Lisp Listeners, have an input editor with the full power of the Zmacs editor.
- Most windows have an input editor that imitates Zmacs, implementing more than thirty common Zmacs commands.
- The cold load stream has a simple input editor that allows the user to rub out single characters and includes a few simple commands such as clearing the screen and erasing the entire input typed so far.

All three kinds of input editor use the same protocol. The three types of input editor and their common protocol are described in the following paragraphs.

## How the Input Editor Works

8.4.1 The most difficult task for an input editor is to decide when the user is finished typing. The idea of an input editor is that the user can type in characters, and they are saved up in a buffer so that if the user changes his or her mind, the user can rub them out and type different characters. However, at some point, the input editor has to decide that the time has come to stop putting characters into the buffer and to let the function parsing the input, such as read, return. This is called activating. The right time to activate depends upon the function calling the input editor, and may be very complicated (if the function is read, figuring out when one Lisp expression has been typed requires knowledge of all the various printed representations, what all currently-defined reader macros do, and so on).

Input editors should not have to know how to parse the characters in the buffer to figure out what the caller is reading and when to activate; only the caller should have to know this. The input editor interface is organized so that the calling function can do all the parsing while the input editor does all the handling of rubouts, and the two are kept completely separate.

Basically, the input editor works as follows. When an input function that reads characters from a stream, such as read or read-line, is invoked with a stream that has :rubout-handler in its :which-operations list, that function enters the input editor. The input function then goes ahead reading characters from the stream. Because control is inside the input editor, the stream echoes these characters so that the user can see what is being typed. (Normally, echoing is considered to be a higher-level function outside the province of streams, but when the higher-level function tells the stream to enter the input editor, the higher-level function is also handing the responsibility for echoing to the input editor.) The input editor is also saving all these characters in a buffer (why it saves them is discussed shortly). When the function, read or whatever, decides it has enough input, it returns and control leaves the input editor. That is the easy case.

If the user types a rubout, a **throw** is done out of all recursive levels of **read**, reader macros, and so forth back to the point where the input editor was entered. Also, the rubout is echoed by erasing from the screen the character that was rubbed out. Now the **read** is tried over again, rereading all the characters that have not been rubbed out but not echoing them this time. When the saved characters have been exhausted, additional input is read from the user in the usual fashion.

The effect of this is a complete separation of the functions of the input editor and parsing, while at the same time the execution of these two functions mingles in such a way that input is always activated at the proper time. Because of this mingling, the parsing function (in the usual case, read and all macro-character definitions) must be prepared to be thrown through at any time; the function should have only trivial side effects because it may be called multiple times.

If an error occurs while inside the input editor, the error message is displayed and then additional characters are read. When the user types a rubout, it rubs out the error message as well as the character that caused the error. The user can then proceed to type the corrected expression; the input is reparsed from the beginning in the usual fashion.

## Common Input Editors

8.4.2 The common input editor recognizes a subset of the Zmacs editor commands, including RUBOUT, CTRL-F, META-F and others. Pressing CTRL-HELP while in the input editor displays a list of the commands. The kill and yank commands in the input editor use the same kill history as Zmacs. so you can kill an expression in Zmacs and yank it back into the input editor with CTRL-Y. The input editor also keeps a command history of the most recent input strings (a separate command history for each stream), and the CTRL-C and META-C commands retrieve from this history just as CTRL-Y and META-Y do for the kill history.

When not inside the input editor, and when entering characters to a program that uses control characters for its own purposes, the control characters are treated the same as ordinary characters.

Some programs, such as the debugger, allow the user to type either a control character or an expression. In such programs, you are really not inside the input editor unless you have typed the beginning of an expression. When the input buffer is empty, a control character is treated as a command for the program (such as, CTRL-C to continue in the debugger); when there is text in the input editor buffer, the same character is treated as a input editor command. Another consequence of this is that the message you get by typing help varies, being either the input editor's documentation or the debugger's documentation.

#### The w:rubout-handler Variable

8.4.3 The way that the input editor is entered is complicated, because a catch must be established. The w:rubout-handler variable is non-nil if the current process is inside the input editor. This is used to handle recursive calls to read from inside reader macros and the like. If w:rubout-handler is nil and the stream being read from has a :rubout-handler in its :which-operations, functions such as read send the :rubout-handler message to the stream with the arguments of a list of options, the function, and its arguments. The input editor initializes itself and establishes its catch, then calls back to the specified function with w:rubout-handler bound to t.

User-written input reading functions should follow this same protocol to get the same input editing benefits as read and read-line.

#### w:rubout-handler

Variable

Specifies whether the current process is in the input editor.

## Functional Interface to an Input Editor

**8.4.4** The easiest way to invoke an input editor for a particular piece of code is to use the with-input-editing special form. This special form provides the same functionality as the :rubout-handler method, but is typically more convenient to use.

## with-input-editing stream options {body-form}\*

Special Form

Executes body-form inside stream's :rubout-handler method. If body-form does input from stream, such input is done with whatever rubout processing that stream implements.

options is an association list of keyword symbols and the arguments to them. The following options are acceptable to windows:

#### Keyword

### Description

## (:activation function x-args)

function is used to test characters for being activators. function's arguments are the character read followed by the x-args from the option. If function returns non-nil, then the blip (:activation numeric-argument) is placed where it can be read with a :read-any-tyi method. numeric-argument is either 1 or -1: it is 1 if the current value of the numeric argument specified by the user of the input editor is either positive or unspecified, or it is -1 if the value is negative.

## (:command function x-args)

Similar to :activation in terms of the test for characters, but command characters are handled differently. If function returns non-nil, the character is a command character and the :rubout-handler method immediately returns two values: (:command character numeric-argument) and :command. numeric-argument is either 1 or -1: it is 1 if the current value of the numeric argument specified by the user of the input editor is either positive or unspecified, or it is -1 if the value is negative. The input that was buffered remains in the buffer.

## (:do-not-echo charl char2 ...)

Similar to the :activation option except that:

- 1. Characters are listed explicitly.
- 2. The character itself is returned when it is read, rather than an :activation blip.

## (:editing-command (char doc)...)

Specifies user-implemented editing commands. If any char in the alist is read by the input editor, it is returned to the caller (for example, to a :read-any-tyi method called by the function specified in the :rubout-handler method). The function specified in the :rubout-handler method should process these characters in appropriate ways and keep reading.

## (Continued) Keyword

## Description

## (:full-rubout flag)

If the user erases all of the characters and then presses the rubout character once more, control is returned from the input editor immediately. Two values are returned: nil and flag. In the absence of this option, the input editor simply waits for more characters.

## (:initial-input string)

Treats the characters in *string* as type-ahead before reading anything from the keyboard.

### (:initial-input-pointer n)

Specify this option to start out with editing pointer n characters from the start.

## (:pass-through charl char2 ...)

This option treats the characters *char1*, *char2* and so forth as ordinary characters even if they are normally special commands to the input editor. This can be useful for getting characters such as HELP into the buffer.

## (:preemptable token)

This option makes all blips act like command characters. If the input editor encounters a blip while reading input, it immediately returns two values: the blip itself, and the specified token. Any buffered input remains buffered for the next request for input editing.

## (:prompt function-or-string)

If function-or-string is a function, it is called before reading any characters; typically, the function displays a prompt. The arguments to the function are the window and a flag. When the input editor is first entered, the flag is nil, but if it is necessary to prompt again (for example, if the user clears the screen), the function is called again with the character the user typed. If function-or-string is a string, then that string is displayed before reading any characters, or when it necessary to prompt again.

## (:reprompt function-or-string)

Acts the same as :prompt except that function-or-string is not used on initial entry. If both :prompt and :reprompt are specified. :prompt is used on initial entry and :reprompt is used for redisplay.

For example, the following code prompts the user from the stream and then reads one line of input from the user.

```
(with-input-editing
  (my-stream '((:prompt "Hello there"))) ; options
  (read-line my-stream)) ; body form
```

## A Sample Input Editor Function

8.4.5 The following explanation describes how to write your own function that invokes the input editor. The read and read-line functions both work this way. You should use the readline1 example below as a template for writing your own input editor function.

The following code is a simplified version of the **read-line** function. This function does not handle end-of-file conditions, use :line-in for efficiency, and so on.

The first argument to the :rubout-handler message is a list of options. The second argument is the function that the input editor should call to do the reading, and the rest of the arguments are passed to that function. Note that in the example above, readline1 is passing itself to the :rubout-handler message as the function and is passing its own arguments as the arguments. This case occurs frequently. The returned values of the message are normally the returned values of the function (except sometimes when the :full-rubout option is used).

## Stream Input Operations

8.5 You can use either stream operations (that is, methods) to obtain input from windows, or you can use Common Lisp-compatible functions to obtain input from windows.

## Common Lisp-Compatible Read Functions and Methods

**8.5.1** The functions discussed below follow the Common Lisp standard of returning a character object rather than a fixnum. There are analogous methods; however, in most cases you should use the function rather than the method because the function generally executes faster than the equivalent method. The methods are supplied for those cases where it is difficult to call the function.

The two most commonly used functions, read and read-no-hang, are described in the Explorer Input/Output Reference manual.

All of the functions and methods discussed in this paragraph include the same arguments:

- stream The stream from which the character or blip is read. By default, stream is \*standard-input\*.
- eof-errorp A flag that indicates whether to signal an error when an end of file is encountered, or whether to return eof-value. By default (t), the function signals an error when it encounters an end of file.
- eof-value The value returned when eof-errorp is not t and the function encounters an end of file.
- recursive-p Ignored. This argument is included for compatibility with Common Lisp.

w:read-any &optional (stream \*standard-input\*)

**Function** 

(eof-errorp t) eof-value recursive-p

:read-any &optional (stream \*standard-input\*)

Method of w:stream-mixin

(eof-errorp t) eof-value recursive-p

w:read-any-no-hang &optional (stream \*standard-input\*)

Function

(eof-errorp t) eof-value recursive-p

Method of w:stream-mixin

:read-any-no-hang &optional (stream \*standard-input\*) (eof-errorp t) eof-value recursive-p

> Reads one character or blip from stream. If no input is available, w:read-any waits until a character of input becomes available. The character comes from the window's input buffer if the buffer contains any characters; otherwise, the character comes from the keyboard.

> w:read-any-no-hang returns nil immediately if the buffer is empty rather than waiting. This function is used by programs that first execute continuously until a key is pressed, then examine the key and decide what to do next.

w:unread-any char &optional (stream \*standard-input\*) :unread-any char &optional (stream \*standard-input\*)

Function Method of w:stream-mixin

Puts the character just read back into the window's input buffer so that it is the next character returned by w:read-any. This character must be the very last character that was read. It is illegal to perform two w:unread-anys in a row. w:unread-any is used by parsers, such as read, that look ahead one character. char is the character just read from the window's input buffer.

w:read-list &optional (stream \*standard-input\*) (eof-errorp t) eof-value recursive-p

**Function** 

:read-list &optional (stream \*standard-input\*) (eof-errorp t) eof-value recursive-p Method of w:stream-mixin

Reads one blip from stream.

w:read-mouse-or-kbd &optional (stream \*standard-input\*)

Function

(eof-errorp t) eof-value recursive-p

:read-mouse-or-kbd

Method of w:stream-mixin

&optional (stream \*standard-input\*) (eof-errorp t)

eof-value recursive-p

w:read-mouse-or-kbd-no-hang &optional (stream \*standard-input\*)

Function

(eof-errorp t) eof-value recursive-p :read-mouse-or-kbd-no-hang

Method of w:stream-mixin

&optional (stream \*standard-input\*) (eof-errorp t)

eof-value recursive-p

Reads one character or :mouse-button blip from stream, except that certain kinds of blips are not discarded and do count as input. All other blips (that is, all blips whose car is not the symbol :mouse-button) are discarded. If these functions read a blip whose car is the symbol :mouse-button, they return three values:

- The third element (caddr) of the blip, which is always a fixnum.
- 2. The whole blip.
- 3. A character whose mouse bit is 1. This bit identifies the mouse button that was clicked. (See paragraph 11.4.2, Encoding Mouse Clicks as Characters.)

If no input is available, w:read-mouse-or-kbd waits for input; w:read-mouse-or-kbd-no-hang returns nil rather than waiting.

## Methods for Stream Operations

**8.5.2** The methods of w:stream-mixin and w:preemptable-read-any-tyi-mixin flavors provide stream input operations. Some of the methods have an optional *eof-action* argument; this argument is included because it is part of the input stream protocol. It is ignored because end-of-file is not meaningful for windows.

#### :force-kbd-input input

Method of w:stream-mixin

Inserts input into the window's input buffer to be read by read-char in its turn. This method is the standard way of putting blips into the input stream. If *input* is a character or a list, *input* is forced into the input buffer. If *input* is a string, each character in the string is forced into the input buffer, one by one.

#### :listen

Method of w:stream-mixin

Returns t if there are any characters available to :any-tyi, or nil if there are not. For example, the editor uses :listen to defer redisplay until the editor has processed all of the characters that have been typed in.

:string-in eof-action string &optional (start 0) end

Method of w:stream-mixin

Operates like read-char, except that it reads a string from the input buffer. :string-in reads characters into a string using read-char until no more room remains in the string.

#### Arguments:

eof-action - Ignored because end-of-file is not meaningful for windows.

string — The string to be affected by the input.

start — The first character of string into which input is placed. If start is nil,
:string-in starts reading with the first character in the string. Recall that
the Explorer system uses a zero-based index for strings.

end — The last character string into which input is placed. If end is nil, all of string from start to the last character of the string is to be affected by the input.

Suppose that you evaluate the following code:

```
(setq string-var "A string")
(send w:selected-window :string-in t string-var 3 6)
```

If you type 123 in the input buffer, the new value of string-var is:

"A s123ing"

## :string-line-in eof-action string &optional (start 0) end

Method of w:stream-mixin

Operates like read-char, except that it reads a line from the input buffer. :string-line-in reads characters into a string using read-char until a #\return is encountered or no more room remains in the string. The arguments for :string-line-in are identical to the arguments used for :string-in.

:string-line-in returns three values:

1. An index, pointing to the position in *string* where the next character is placed.

- 2. Either t (if the end-of-file character was read) or nil (otherwise).
- 3. Either nil (if a #\return character was read) or t (otherwise).

The following are the possible permutations of these values.

Index	EOF	Value Returned	Where the Index Points
nnn	nil	t	The position in <i>string</i> where the next character read will be put—the eof was not reached, but the end of string was reached.
nnn	nil	nil	The position in <i>string</i> where the next character read will be put—the eof was not reached, and a #\return character was not the last character read.
nnn	t	t .	One position beyond the end of <i>string</i> —the eof and end of <i>string</i> were reached simultaneously. This is an unlikely occurrence.
nnn	t	nil	The position in <i>string</i> where the next character read will be put—the eof was reached, and a #\return character was the last character read. This is an unlikely occurrence.
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NOTE: nnn represents any number that can be returned by :string-line-in as a value.

## :wait-for-input-with-timeout timeout

Method of w:stream-mixin

Waits until either input is available or a specific time period elapses. timeout is the time period, specified in 60ths of a second, that :wait-for-input-with-timeout waits.

## :clear-input

Method of w:stream-mixin

Clears this window's input buffer. :clear-input flushes all the characters that have been typed in at this window but have not yet been read.

## :playback

Method of w:stream-mixin

Returns an array of the last n characters read from this window, where n is the size of the array. The array elements are used in a circular fashion, the last element being followed by the first one, and array leader element 1 containing the index of the last array element into which a character was read. The editor command HELP L uses this method. n is the value of w:io-buffer-record-length, which has a default of 60.

## :rubout-handler options function &rest args

Method of w:stream-mixin

Applies function to the arguments inside an environment where input operations from this window echo the characters typed and provide for simple input editing.

options is an association list of keyword symbols and the arguments to them. These options are listed in paragraph 8.4.4, Functional Interface to an Input Editor, followed by an example of using the :rubout-handler method. In most cases, it is more convenient to use the with-input-editing special form (also described in paragraph 8.4.4) than to use the :rubout-handler method.

#### :save-rubout-handler-buffer

#### Method of w:stream-mixin

Returns the input editor buffer's contents and then clears the buffer. Two values are returned: a string and a fixnum. The fixnum is the current cursor index in the string. (Rubout handler is a historical term for input editor.)

:save-rubout-handler-buffer is used on entry to the break function so that pressing the BREAK key interfaces properly with rubout handling.

## :restore-rubout-handler-buffer string index

Method of w:stream-mixin

Loads the contents of the input editor buffer from *string* and sets the cursor position. The arguments are usually two values obtained from :save-rubout-handler-buffer.

## Arguments:

string — The string returned by the :save-rubout-handler-buffer method; it specifies the new buffer contents for the input editor after :restore-rubout-handler-buffer executes.

index — The fixnum returned by :save-rubout-handler-buffer method. The index argument sets the cursor position in string.

## :refresh-rubout-handler & optional discard-last-character Method of w:stream-mixin

Requests the input editor to reprint its buffer and then reprompt. If discard-last-character is non-nil, the last character in the buffer is discarded. :restore-rubout-handler-buffer uses :refresh-rubout-handler.

If you are reading input using the input editor but want to process certain characters immediately (perhaps the character Help) and not leave them as part of the ordinary input, you should use this method and specify discard-last-character as t.

#### w:preemptable-read-any-tyi-mixin

Flavor

Defines the :preemptable-read method.

## :preemptable-read options function &rest arguments

Method of w:preemptable-read-any-tyi-mixin

Forces the window to read a blip immediately.

You may have noticed that when you use the mouse to select an object in the Inspector or the window error handler, the program sees the object you select. If, while typing a Lisp expression, you use the mouse to select an object, the blip sent by the mouse process is put at the end of the input buffer and is not read because of the characters that you have typed, unless you force the window to provide special handling for the mouse blip. The :preemptable-read method corrects this problem by putting the mouse blip at the front of the input buffer.

The :preemptable-read method uses the same arguments as the normal :rubout-handler method (discussed previously) and does the same thing if the mouse is not used. In fact, :preemptable-read, despite the name, has nothing to do with the read function. The :preemptable-read method returns the blip sent to the window as the first value and the :mouse-char symbol as the second value. (:preemptable-read does this even if the blip did not come from the mouse; however, most blips do.) The characters that were in the input editor buffer when the blip arrived come back the next time a :preemptable-read method is used, so the user can keep typing in his or her expression.

#### I/O Buffers

8.6 An I/O buffer is an array of fixed size used as a ring buffer. Typically, characters are put into the buffer by one process and removed by another in FIFO order. The process that is removing characters can wait if the buffer is empty, and a process that is putting in characters can wait if the buffer is full, or either process can throw away the characters. Each window using the w:stream-mixin flavor has an input buffer that is an I/O buffer, and there is also one global I/O buffer for the keyboard itself.

NOTE: I/O buffers are typically used for storing characters, which can also be lists. However, any Lisp objects can be stored in an I/O buffer; they do not have to be characters.

To provide easy access to slots in the I/O buffer leader, the following macros are defined for the slots. These macros work in a manner similar to standard macros. See the discussion of array leaders in the *Explorer Lisp Reference* manual for more information.

#### Slot Name

## Description

w:io-buffer-size io-buffer

The number of elements in the input buffer.

w:io-buffer-input-pointer io-buffer

The index pointing\* to where the next character inserted should be stored.

w:io-buffer-output-pointer io-buffer

The index pointing\* to the next available character.

w:io-buffer-input-function io-buffer

Either a function called when characters are inserted, or nil. The window system does not actually use this feature. The calling conventions are the same as for the output function.

w:io-buffer-output-function io-buffer

Either a function called when characters are removed, or nil. w:io-buffer-output-function is called with the buffer and the character as arguments. The value of w:io-buffer-output-function should be a translated version of the character; this value is usually the same as the argument. w:io-buffer-output-function can also return a non-nil second character, indicating that the character should be discarded. In this case, w:io-buffer-get removes the following character or waits for one.

In window input buffers, this slot is usually a function that checks for and handles synchronous interception.

#### Note:

If the input and output pointers are equal, the buffer is empty. If w:io-buffer-output-pointer points at the slot after the input pointer, the buffer is considered full—in fact, one slot is still empty but cannot be used.

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### Description

w:io-buffer-state io-buffer

One of the following, which controls the use of the buffer:

Value	Characters Can Be						
t nil or :input nil or :output	Inserted or removed Inserted Removed						

## w:io-buffer-plist io-buffer

A property list that can contain one of the following:

- :raw is specified non-nil to inhibit translation of characters from hardware codes to the Explorer character set. The effect of :raw is hardware dependent.
- :asynchronous-characters is an association list controlling which characters are intercepted asynchronously when this window is selected. See paragraph 8.7.2, Asynchronously Intercepted Characters, for details.
- :dont-upcase-control-characters specifies whether letters entered in conjunction with the CTRL, META, HYPER, or SUPER keys receive special treatment or not. If :dont-upcase-control-characters is nil, lowercase letters are converted to uppercase and uppercase are converted to lowercase. If it is t, the case of the letters does not change.

#### w:io-buffer-last-input-process io-buffer

The last process that put a character in this I/O buffer.

#### w:io-buffer-last-output-process io-buffer

The last process that removed a character from this I/O buffer.

## w:io-buffer-record io-buffer

An array that records the last n characters read from this I/O buffer, where n is the value of the w:io-buffer-record-length constant. This array is also a ring buffer, but nothing is ever removed from it; after it is full, it contains the last n characters stored in it. The w:io-buffer-record-pointer macro gets the index of the last slot stored into.

## w:io-buffer-record-pointer io-buffer

Macro

Gets the index of the last slot of the w:io-buffer-record array.

## w:io-buffer-empty-p io-buffer

Macro

Returns t if io-buffer is empty, nil if it is not.

#### w:io-buffer-full-p io-buffer

Macro

Returns t if io-buffer is full, nil if it is not.

w:make-io-buffer size &optional input-function output-function plist state

**Function** 

Creates and returns an I/O buffer, initializing some of the slots from its arguments and the other slots in a default or reasonable fashion. The buffer, initially empty, is of size size + 2, because 2 elements must always be empty.

The arguments for **w:make-io-buffer** are the same as the respective slots described previously. Also see the **w:make-default-io-buffer** function described in paragraph 8.6.2, I/O Buffers as Input Buffers.

w:io-buffer-put buffer character & optional (no-hang-p nil) w:io-buffer-push buffer character

Function Function

Inserts character into buffer. w:io-buffer-put puts the character at the end of the buffer; w:io-buffer-push puts the character at the beginning of the buffer, that is, as the next character to be removed. Thus, w:io-buffer-put implements a FIFO buffer, and w:io-buffer-push implements in a last-in, first-out (LIFO) buffer.

no-hang-p specifies whether w:io-buffer-put waits for a full I/O buffer to empty or not. If no-hang-p is t and the buffer is full, this function does not write to the buffer; instead, it exits and returns nil. If no-hang-p is nil and the buffer is full, this function waits for the buffer to empty, writes to the buffer, and then returns t.

## w:io-buffer-get buffer & optional (no-hang-p nil)

**Function** 

Removes the next character from buffer. The character removed is put in the buffer's I/O buffer record array. w:buffer-get also waits if the buffer's state does not permit output. However, if no-hang-p is non-nil and buffer is empty, w:buffer-get returns nil immediately. w:io-buffer-get returns two values—the character and either t (if the method actually got a character) or nil (if the method did not get a character).

#### w:io-buffer-unget buffer character

Function

Inserts character into buffer as the next character to be removed rather than as the last one to be removed. w:io-buffer-unget reverses the action of w:io-buffer-get and returns an error if the character does not match the last character removed by w:io-buffer-get. The character is removed from the I/O buffer record array by backing up the array's pointer to avoid duplication when the character is read a second time.

This function should not be used more than once between input operations.

w:io-buffer-clear buffer

Function

Empties the I/O buffer identified by buffer.

w:process-typeahead buffer function

Function

Uses another function as a filter for the characters in the buffer.

Arguments: buffer - The buffer that w:process-typeahead accesses.

function — The function called once for each character in buffer; the character is its sole argument. If function returns non-nil, the returned value is stored back in buffer instead of the original character that was in the buffer. If function returns nil, the character is deleted from the buffer.

## I/O Buffers and Type-Ahead

8.6.1 Generally, keyboard input goes into the selected window's input buffer. However, this is not always true. Program-generated input from methods using:force-kbd-input goes directly into the window's input buffer, but keyboard input actually goes into another I/O buffer called the keyboard input buffer. There is only one keyboard input buffer in the system. The characters move from the keyboard input buffer to the selected window's input buffer whenever a program tries to read input from the window's input buffer while the buffer is empty. The keyboard input is not assigned to a selected window until the instant the program is ready to read it.

Asynchronous window-switching commands, such as TERM S and mouse clicks that select a window, actually copy the contents of the keyboard input buffer into the buffer of the window that is being deselected. If you type commands to the editor and then type SYSTEM L before the editor has read its commands, those commands still go to the editor, not to the Lisp Listener you have selected.

By contrast, synchronous window-switching (such as is done by the functions ed and inspect, and by Exit commands in various programs) does not perform this copying operation, because any further typed-ahead input should go to the program being switched to.

## I/O Buffers as Input Buffers

**8.6.2** The following paragraphs discuss functions that affect the use of I/O buffers as input buffers.

#### w:make-default-io-buffer

**Function** 

Creates and returns an I/O buffer of the type used for window input buffers with all slots properly initialized. This function uses w:kbd-default-output-function as the output function.

## w:kbd-default-output-function buffer char

**Function** 

Checks the character char from buffer against the value returned by w:kbd-intercepted-characters and also checks w:kbd-tyi-hook. This function must be called with the inhibit-scheduling-flag variable set to t; the function may set the flag to nil. This is the default function for a window input buffer's output function.

## w:\*default-read-whostate\*

Variable

Default: "Keyboard"

Contains the default whostate displayed for various conditions, as explained below. This variable is referenced by several functions and methods, including :tyi, :any-tyi, and so on.

## w:kbd-io-buffer-get buffer & optional (no-hang-p nil) (whostate w:\*default-read-whostate\*)

Function

Removes a character from *buffer*, or possibly from the keyboard input buffer. When a character is read from the keyboard input buffer, the buffer's output function is executed, as if the character had been put into *buffer* and then read from there.

### Arguments:

buffer — The buffer from which this function removes a character. w:kbd-io-buffer-get reads from the keyboard input buffer only if buffer is the input buffer of the selected window, and then only if buffer is empty.

no-hang-p — If this argument is non-nil and buffer is empty, this function returns nil immediately.

whostate — The string that appears in the status line while this function waits.

## w:kbd-wait-for-input-with-timeout buffer timeout

Function

&optional (whostate w:\*default-read-whostate\*)

Waits either until **w:kbd-io-buffer-get** goes into a wait state because the buffer is empty or until *timeout* elapses. The string specified by *whostate* appears in the status line while you wait.

#### Arguments:

buffer — The buffer from which this function removes a character. w:kbd-wait-for-input-with-timeout reads from the keyboard input buffer only if buffer is the input buffer of the selected window, and then only if buffer is empty.

timeout — The time period to wait before this function times out. timeout is specified in 60ths of a second.

whostate — The string that appears in the status line while this function waits.

## w:kbd-wait-for-input-or-deexposure buffer window

Function

&optional (whostate w:\*default-read-whostate\*)

Waits until w:kbd-io-buffer-get goes into a wait state because the buffer or the window is not exposed.

## Arguments:

buffer — The buffer from which this function removes a character. w:kbd-wait-for-input-or-deexposure reads from the keyboard input buffer only if buffer is the input buffer of the selected window, and then only if buffer is empty.

window — The window to check for deexposure. If window becomes deexposed, this function returns immediately.

whostate - The string that appears in the status line while this function waits.

## w:kbd-snarf-input buffer & optional no-hardware-chars-p

Function

Moves all characters that can be obtained through the **w:kbd-io-buffer-get** function into *buffer*. Asynchronous selection commands use **w:kbd-snarf-input** to ensure that type-ahead for the window being deselected remains with that window.

no-hardware-chars-p is nil if w:kbd-snarf-input is to get the characters directly from the hardware.

#### w:kbd-char-typed-p

**Function** 

Returns non-nil if input is available in the selected window. This function, which can be used in programs that loop with interrupts disabled, indicates when the user presses a key, that is, when input is typed.

## Intercepted Characters

- 8.7 The window system intercepts two categories of characters:
- Synchronously intercepted characters are intercepted when a process tries to read them.
- Asynchronously intercepted characters are intercepted as soon as they are typed. Asynchronous characters are either global asynchronous characters, such as #\terminal and #\system, which are always available, or characters defined by the selected window, such as CTRL-ABORT.

An application program can specify the function keys, F1 through F4, as either synchronously or asynchronously intercepted characters. If you use the function keys in an application, you should also document their use in the mouse documentation window.

## Synchronously Intercepted Characters

8.7.1 The io-buffer-output-function of the window input buffer performs synchronous interception. By default, this function is w:kbd-default-output-function, which uses the w:kbd-intercepted-characters variable to decide which characters to intercept and how to handle them. A program can change the set of synchronously intercepted characters for the program's window simply by binding this variable before reading input. Its default value specifies the characters ABORT, META-ABORT, BREAK, and META-BREAK.

By convention, all programs are expected to use the ABORT key as a command to abort operations in some sense appropriate for that program. If you do not do anything special, ABORT is intercepted automatically. However, you may want some programs to do something other than the system default action when the user presses ABORT. The system default action can be replaced by binding the w:kbd-intercepted-characters variable so that ABORT goes to your own intercept routine instead of to w:kbd-intercept-abort, or so that ABORT is read as an input character from the stream and is then handled by your program.

w:kbd-intercept-abort char &rest ignore w:kbd-intercept-abort-all char &rest ignore w:kbd-intercept-break char &rest ignore w:kbd-intercept-error-break char &rest ignore

Function Function Function Function

Implements the standard meanings of various keystrokes and keystroke sequences, as follows:

Function Implements Keystroke  w:kbd-intercept-abort ABORT and CTRL-ABORT  w:kbd-intercept-abort-all META-CTRL-ABORT and META-ABORT  w:kbd-intercept-break BREAK	
w:kbd-intercept-abort	ABORT and CTRL-ABORT
w:kbd-intercept-abort-all	
w:kbd-intercept-break	BREAK
w:kbd-intercept-error-break	META-BREAK

In addition, w:kbd-intercepted-characters uses the following keystroke sequences for special purposes:

- ABORT signals the sys:abort condition.
- META-CTRL-ABORT and META-ABORT reset the current process.
- BREAK calls the break function.
- META-BREAK calls the debugger.

If you want to handle ABORT, META-CTRL-ABORT, or META-ABORT differently, redefine either w:kbd-intercept-abort or w:kbd-intercept-abort-all, as appropriate, to perform as desired.

If \*terminal-io\* handles the :inhibit-output-for-abort-p method and :inhibit-output-for-abort-p returns non-nil, the string [Abort] is not printed.

The char argument is not used.

#### w:kbd-intercepted-characters

Variable

An association list specifying the characters to be intercepted synchronously, that is, when the characters are read by the program. Because a subroutine of the read-char function examines w:kbd-intercepted-characters, the current binding at the time read-char executes is important.

Each element of w:kbd-intercepted-characters should have the format of (character function). With this format, a function specified by function is called if character is read, with character as the argument.

function should return two values: a character and either t or nil. The second value determines whether the first value is accepted as input:

- If the second value is t, function processes character, and character is ignored.
- If the second value is nil, *character* is to be inserted into the input buffer.

In practice, function usually returns its argument and t.

On entry, function needs to set the inhibit-scheduling-flag to nil to ensure proper changing of the w:kbd-intercepted-characters variable. (The inhibit-scheduling-flag is described in the Explorer Lisp Reference manual.)

New entries can be added to the top-level value of w:kbd-intercepted-characters and can also bind w:kbd-intercepted-characters for programs. It is unwise to remove the standard entries in the top-level value. The default value for w:kbd-intercepted-characters is the value of w:kbd-standard-intercepted-characters, which is the following:

```
((#\abort kbd-intercept-abort)
  (#\m-abort kbd-intercept-abort-all)
  (#\break kbd-intercept-break)
  (#\m-break kbd-intercept-error-break)))
```

See the previous discussion of w:kbd-intercept-abort and related functions for a description of specific keystrokes and their meanings.

The initial value of w:kbd-intercepted-characters. The w:kbd-standard-intercepted-characters variable can be used to reset w:kbd-intercepted-characters to its original value after a program finishes special handling of intercepted characters.

The default value for w:kbd-standard-intercepted-characters is the following:

```
((#\abort kbd-intercept-abort)
  (#\m-abort kbd-intercept-abort-all)
  (#\break kbd-intercept-break)
  (#\m-break kbd-intercept-error-break)))
```

## w:kbd-tyi-hook

Variable

When this variable is non-nil, a user can process synchronously intercepted characters.

w:kbd-default-output-function checks whether the value of w:kbd-tyi-hook is non-nil before w:kbd-default-output-function does anything else. If the value is non-nil, w:kbd-default-output-function assumes that the value is a function of one argument and applies the function to the character that was typed. If the function returns a non-nil value, then the character is not returned to callers of read-char or other input operations; otherwise, the character is processed normally.

This variable allows you to write a function that intercepts anything passing through an input buffer using **w:kbd-default-output-function**. Your function intercepts the character and returns either **nil** if it does not want to handle the character, or **t** if your function processes the character.

## Asynchronously Intercepted Characters

8.7.2 Each window that uses w:stream-mixin can define a set of characters to be intercepted asynchronously when that window is selected. The interception is performed through a different mechanism than the one used for synchronous interception, but the same handling functions, such as w:kbd-intercept-abort, can ultimately be used. By default, a window performs asynchronous interception on the four characters generated by the CTRL-ABORT, META-CTRL-ABORT, CTRL-BREAK, and META-CTRL-BREAK keystrokes. You can change the set of such asynchronous keys on a window by window basis.

The keyboard process and its handler function perform asynchronous interception. Therefore, asynchronous interception must obey certain strict conventions: asynchronous interception must not perform any I/O, wait for anything, run very long, or get an error. It is usually easiest to create another process and perform the real work there, using process-run-function.

Because the interception is performed by the keyboard process, the characters cannot be directly specified by a variable for the program to bind. So each window has a list of asynchronously intercepted characters. The list is actually stored as the :asynchronous-characters property on the input buffer's property list.

#### w:kbd-standard-asynchronous-characters

Variable

Contains the default set of characters that are asynchronously intercepted. This set includes the following:

## :asynchronous-characters alist

Initialization Option of w:stream-mixin

Default: w:kbd-standard-asynchronous-characters

Specifies the list of characters intercepted asynchronously while this window is selected.

alist specifies the characters to be intercepted asynchronously. Each element of alist consists of a character, a function to call, and optionally some extra arguments to be passed to the function. When the function is called, the function's arguments specify the character, the selected window, and any specified additional arguments from alist.

## :asynchronous-character-p character

Method of w:stream-mixin

Returns non-nil if this window defines a character for asynchronous interception. *character* is the character that can be intercepted.

#### :handle-asynchronous-character character

Method of w:stream-mixin

Invokes the handler function in your current process as defined for asynchronous interception of a character. *character* is the character to be immediately intercepted when it is typed.

## :add-asynchronous-character character handler-function &rest additional-args

Method of w:stream-mixin

Defines a character for asynchronous interception in this window, that is, adds the element (character handler-function . additional-args) to the association list on the input buffer's property list.

#### :remove-asynchronous-character character

Method of w:stream-mixin

Removes a character's element from the association list so that the character is no longer intercepted asynchronously in this process. *character* is the character to be removed.

## w:kbd-asynchronous-intercept-character character window

**Function** 

&optional process-run-options function

Provides a convenient way to handle asynchronously intercepted character(s). This function enables you to use the same functions used for synchronous interception.

Arguments:

character — The character to be intercepted.

window — The window that intercepts character.

process-run-options — The option list for process-run-function, which is described in the Explorer Lisp Reference manual.

function — The subhandler function that actually performs the asynchronous action. When the function is called, it is passed the character and window as arguments.

The following example creates a process named Break with priority 40 and calls w:kbd-intercept-break in that process:

```
(#\ctrl-break w:kbd-asynchronous-intercept-character
(:name "Break" :priority 40.)
w:kbd-intercept-break)
```

#### Global Asynchronous Characters

**8.7.3** The TERM and SYSTEM keys are also intercepted asynchronously, but because their functions do not usually relate to the selected window, they are not controlled by the selected window's association list of asynchronous characters. These are called *global asynchronous characters*.

The TERM and SYSTEM keys are defined to call functions that read a second character and then execute an operation depending on what that second character is. The meaning of the second character is controlled by an association list, so you can define new terminal and system commands.

#### w:kbd-global-asynchronous-characters

Variable

An association list that controls the characters intercepted regardless of the selected window. Its elements look and work exactly like those of the association list specified in the :asynchronous-characters initialization option for a window.

The initial value of w:kbd-global-asynchronous-characters is the following:

```
((#\term w:kbd-terminal)
  (#\system w:kbd-sys)
  (#\c-clear-input kbd-terminal-clear))
```

w:\*terminal-keys\*

Variable

w:add-terminal-key char function & optional documentation

Function

&rest options w:remove-terminal-key char &rest ignore

Function

w:remove-terminal-key char &r w:\*user-defined-terminal-keys\*

Variable

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Default: nil

The variables are association lists; each entry describes a subcommand of the TERM key. w:\*terminal-keys\* is the default list defined for the Explorer system; w:\*user-defined-terminal-keys\* is the list of terminal keys added by the user. You should use w:add-terminal-key or w:remove-terminal-key to modify the lists; these functions modify the appropriate list, as needed. Entries on the list have the following form.

char function documentation option1 option2 ...

#### where:

char — The character that should be typed after pressing the TERM key to get the new command. The character is mapped to uppercase before it is searched for in w:\*terminal-keys\* list, so you should not use lower-case characters.

function — Either a list to be evaluated or a symbol that is the name of a local function to be applied to one argument. The argument passed to

function is either the numeric argument specified by the user (for example, the 0 in TERM 0 S) or nil if the user gave no argument.

documentation — A string giving brief documentation, or a form that is evaluated and that returns either a string or nil. The string is displayed by pressing the TERM HELP keystroke sequence. A value of nil causes this character to be omitted from the TERM HELP display.

option1 and option2 — Keywords with no associated values. The keywords can be one of the following:

- :keyboard-process function runs in the keyboard process. (function is normally evaluated or applied in a new process created for the purpose.) The :keyboard-process option exists because some built-in commands must work this way. If you add your own commands, you should not use this option, because you do not want to interfere with the operation of the keyboard process.
- :typeahead Everything typed before pressing the TERM key is inserted into the selected I/O buffer; that is, this text is treated as type-ahead to the currently selected window. You should use :typeahead with commands that change the selected window, to ensure that the user's typed input goes where he or she expects it to go. These commands should set w:kbd-terminal-time to nil as soon as they change the selected window, unless they complete quickly. (You should never gather characters for a TERM command while w:kbd-terminal-time is non-nil.)
- :system The code is actually overriding the system code rather than adding a different user-defined command.

The following are typical entries of w:\*terminal-keys\*:

w:\*system-keys\*
w:add-system-key char find documentation &optional (create t)
w:remove-system-key char

Variable Function Function

The variable is an association list; each entry describes a subcommand of the SYSTEM key. You should use w:add-system-key or w:remove-system-key to modify the list. Entries on the list have the following form. The arguments for w:add-system-key are analogous to these entries.

char find documentation create

where:

char — The character that should be typed after pressing the SYSTEM key to get the new command. The character is mapped to uppercase before it is searched for in the w:\*system-keys\* list, so you should not use lowercase characters. You can also use modified characters such as META-A, SUPER-B, and HYPER-C. CTRL is reserved for creating a

new instance of the window and process. For example, SYSTEM CTRL-E creates a new Zmacs editor. If you assign SYSTEM SUPER-F as the keystroke associated with the frobboz process, SYSTEM SUPER-CTRL-F creates a new frobboz process.

find — One of the following:

Description
The instance should be a window, and pressing the SYSTEM key selects that particular window.
This is the typical case. Pressing the SYSTEM key initiates a search of the w:previously-selected-windows variable. If this search finds a window having the proper flavor, the window is selected. If the currently selected window is of that flavor, the system causes a beep. Otherwise, the system creates a window of the proper flavor, establishes the process, and selects the window, among other operations.
find is evaluated, and the value should be a window or a flavor name to be used as described previously.
SYSTEM evaluates create.

documentation should be a string to be printed by SYSTEM HELP.

create - Can be one of the following:

- nil The system beeps when you press the SYSTEM key.
- t A new window of flavor *find* is created by calling make-instance with no options, and *create* is selected.
- A symbol The name of the flavor of a window to be created. (create can be different from the flavor to look for, which might be a mixin that is a component of several different flavors, all of which are suitable to select when the SYSTEM key is pressed.)
- Other cases A form to be evaluated to create a window. SYSTEM starts a newly created process, and create is evaluated in its own process, not in the keyboard process.

If—after the SYSTEM key is pressed—the next key pressed is pressed in conjunction with the CTRL key, existing windows are ignored, and a new window is created according to *create*.

For example, the list in w:\*system-keys\* that includes the Zmacs editor on the System menu is as follows:

(#\E zwei:zmacs-frame "Editor" t)

To add items to the System menu, use the :w:add-to-system-menu-column function described in paragraph 18.6, The System Menu.

If you do not bind a window with a process to a SYSTEM keystroke, you must explicitly select, expose, and bind the process to the window, and then

reset the process and establish its run reason. An example of this is in paragraph 6.6.3, Associating a Process With a Window.

## w:find-window-of-flavor flavor-name

**Function** 

Returns a previously selected window. This function searches the w:previously-selected-windows variable for a window of the specified flavor and uses the typep method to check the window.

## w:select-or-create-window-of-flavor find-flavor &optional (create-flavor find-flavor)

Function

Selects a previously selected window or, if none exists, creates a new one and selects it. find-flavor is the window flavor to select. create-flavor is the flavor to use if a window must be created.

# Querying the

8.8 The keyboard is often read as a stream of input; however, the keyboard Keyboard Explicitly can be treated as a random-access device, and the instantaneous state of any key can be examined.

## w:key-state key-name

**Function** 

Returns t if the keyboard key specified by key-name is currently pressed, or nil if it is not. This argument can be either a character code or the symbolic name of a shift key:

- The character code of a key is the character produced when you type that key without any shifts: a lowercase letter, a digit, or a special character. These names or keys are predefined. (See the Explorer Lisp Reference manual for a list of characters.)
- Shift keys that come in pairs (such as SHIFT, META, and so forth) have three symbolic names: one for the left key only, one for the right key only, and one for both. The following table lists the symbolic names for the shift keys.

Key Pressed	Symbolic Name for Either Key	Symbolic Name for the Left-Hand key	Symbolic Name for the Right-Hand Key
SHIFT	:shift	:left-shift	:right-shift
SYMBOL	:symbol	:left-symbol	:right-symbol
CTRL	:control	:left-control	:right-control
META	:meta	:left-meta	:right-meta
SUPER	:super	:left-super	:right-super
HYPER	:hyper	:left-hyper	:right-hyper
CAPS LOCK	:caps-lock	_	
MODE LOCK	:mode-lock	_	

For example, the following code displays a message in the status line while it waits for you to press the a key. The system ignores any other alphanumeric or symbol keys pressed until you press that key, then inserts all the keystrokes into the input buffer.

Other keys require more complicated code to verify whether a pressed key is the same as a particular key you are checking for. The following table shows tests for some of the more common keys:

unshifted symbol key, such as  1, or  ny uppercase alphanumeric or ifted symbol key, where you stained the uppercase by pressing e SHIFT key, such as A, @,  ny named key, such as HELP or (char-int #\help)  CCAPE  ny key that includes a modifier, (char-int #\help)  #'(lambda ()  (#'w:key-state #\help)		
Any lowercase alphanumeric key or unshifted symbol key, such as a, 1, or .	(char-int #\a)	(#'w:key-state #\a)
Any uppercase alphanumeric or shifted symbol key, where you obtained the uppercase by pressing the SHIFT key, such as A, @, or >	(char-int #\A)	(and (w:key-state #\a)
Any named key, such as HELP or ESCAPE	(char-int #\help)	(#'w:key-state #\help)
Any key that includes a modifier, such as META-HELP or CTRL-SHIFT-E	•	<pre>#'(lambda ()</pre>

## Keyboard Parameters

**8.9** The following operations are used to tailor the keyboard to the user's needs.

## w:setup-keyboard-keyclick &optional (state nil)

**Function** 

Sets whether the keys, when pressed, make an audible click. *state* can be either t (when a key is pressed or released, it makes a clicking sound) or nil (the keys are silent).

## :keypad-enable t-or-nil

Initialization Option of windows

Default: nil, the keypad and the rest of the keyboard produce the same character codes

Determines whether pressing the keys on the keypad produces the same character codes as pressing the analogous keys on the keyboard or whether it produces unique character codes. When this initialization option is set and a keypad key is pressed, the code produced by that keypad key has its keypad character object bit set to t. The char-bit and set-char-bit functions can accept the :keypad keyword as their bit map arguments, which allows a program to distinguish keypad characters.

## **FONTS**

## Introduction

9.1 If you have used the Explorer system for a while, you have probably noticed that characters can be typed out in any of a number of different typefaces. Some text is printed in characters that are small or large, boldface or italic, or in different styles altogether. Each such typeface is called a *font*. A font is an array, indexed by character code, of pictures showing how each character should be drawn on the screen.

A font is represented inside the Explorer system as a Lisp object. Each font has a name. The name of a font is a symbol, usually in the fonts package, and the symbol is bound to the font. A typical font name is tr8. In the initial Lisp environment, the symbol fonts:tr8 is bound to a font object whose printed representation is something like the following:

#<font tr8 234712342>

The initial Lisp environment includes many fonts. Usually, there are more fonts stored in xld files. New fonts can be created, saved in xld files, and loaded into the Lisp environment; they can also simply be created inside the environment.

The drawing of characters in fonts is performed by microcode and is very fast. The internal format of fonts is arranged to make this drawing as fast as possible.

You can use the List Fonts command in Zmacs to display a list of all of the fonts that are currently loaded into the Lisp environment. Table 9-1 is a list of some of the useful fonts. For a complete list of all fonts that are loaded with the Explorer system, see Appendix A of the Explorer Tools and Utilities manual.

## **Specifying Fonts**

9.2 You can control which font is used when output is sent to a window. Every window has a *font map* and a *current font*. The font map is an array of fonts; the font map associates a font with a small, nonnegative integer. The current font of a window is always one of the fonts in the window's font map. Whenever output is sent to a window, the characters are printed in the current font. You can change the font map and the current font of a window at any time with the appropriate methods.

Windows have a font map rather than merely a current font because it is necessary to know all the fonts in use before processing any output to ensure that output is positioned properly (so that output in different fonts on the same line is aligned correctly).

In addition, certain output methods can accept arrays that contain elements of type:string-char, and regard the font field as a font number to look up in the font map. These methods include:compute-motion,:string-length, and:fat-string-out.

Table 9-1

Font Description  cptfont The default font for the U.S. market, used for almost everything.  medfnt The default font in menus. It is a fixed-width font with characters somewhat larger than those of cptfont.  medfntb A boldface version of medfnt; the default font for the European market. When you use the Split Screen, for example, the Do It and Abort items are in this font.  hl10 A very small font used for items in choose-variable-values windows that are currently not selected.					
Font Description					
cptfont					
medfnt					
medfntb	European market. When you use the Split Screen, for				
hl10					
hl10b	A boldface version of hl10, used for selected items in choose-variable-values windows.				
hl12i	A variable-width italic font. It is useful for italic items in menus.				
tr10i	A very small italic font.				
mouse	A font that contains the glyphs used as mouse cursors and icons.				

## **Font Purposes**

9.3 Because different users prefer different fonts, a facility called font purposes is provided. Wherever a font specifier is used, the program can specify a purpose keyword instead. This keyword means, use whatever font the user prefers for this particular purpose. The window remembers when a purpose keyword is specified instead of a particular font so that if the user associates a different font with that purpose, all the existing windows that use that purpose use the newly-associated font.

Each screen has its own association list that maps font purposes to font names, but normally they are all altered in parallel. Defined purpose keywords include the following:

#### Table 9-2

Purpose Keywords for Fonts									
Keyword	Description								
:default	The font name for ordinary output. It is also called the <i>default font</i> .								
:menu	The font name for use in most menu items.								
:menu-standout	The font name for menu items that are supposed to stand out. It is normally a bold font.								
:label	The font name used by default for labels.								
:margin-choice	The default font name for margin choice boxes.								

See paragraph 9.5, Font Specifiers, for a description of functions that can be used to manipulate font purposes.

## Flavors and Methods

9.4

:font-map new-map

Initialization Option of windows

Gettable, settable. Default: w:\*window-standard-font-map\* w:sheet-font-map window

Macro

Initializes the w:font-map instance variable to contain the fonts given in new-map. new-map can be one of the following:

- An array of font specifiers This array is installed as the new internal array of the window, and the font specifiers are replaced by fonts. A font or the name of a font can be used in the array. (Font specifiers are described in paragraph 9.5.)
- A list of font specifiers.
- nil The font map is set to w:\*window-standard-font-map\*.

new-map has a maximum length of 26.

The current font is set to the first font in the list or array. The line height and baseline of the window are adjusted appropriately.

The chosen font specifiers are remembered so that the :change-of-default-font method can cause the map to be recomputed from them. This feature is provided in case one of the specifiers is a font purpose keyword.

The :font-map method returns the array that is actually being used to represent the font map inside the window. The elements are actual font objects. You should not alter anything about this array because the window depends on it to function correctly. To change the font map, use the :set-font-map method.

The macro accesses the instance variable.

The following example of the :font-map initialization option sets up the font map for the hl12b font.

(:font-map (list fonts:hl12b))

#### :current-font

Method of windows

Settable. Default: The first font in the font map w:sheet-current-font window

Macro

Returns the window's current font. :set-current-font can take either of the following as arguments:

- A number That element of the font map becomes the current font. The number 0 corresponds to the first font in the font map.
- A font specifier The font that the specifier describes is used. If that font is not in the font map, an error is signaled. Only fonts already in the font map can be selected.

The macro accesses the instance variable.

## **Font Specifiers**

9.5 Different kinds of screens require different kinds of fonts. However, it is preferable to be able to write programs that work no matter what screen their window is created on. The problem is that if your program specifies which fonts to use by actually naming specific fonts, then the program works only if the window that you are using is on the same kind of screen as that for which the fonts you are using were designed.

To solve this problem, a program does not have to specify the actual font to be used. Instead, it specifies a symbol that stands for a collection of fonts. All of these fonts are the same except that they work on different kinds of screens. The symbol that you use is the name of the member of the collection that works on a black-and-white screen. In other words, when you want to specify a font, always use the name of a black-and-white font rather than a font itself. Every screen knows how to understand these symbols and how to find an appropriate font to use. This symbol is called a *font specifier* because it describes a font rather than actually naming a font.

For example, if you want to use cptfont, you would specify it as the symbol fonts:cptfont, which for a black-and-white screen is also the name of the font. For use with the IMAGEN printer, the symbol fonts:cptfont is interpreted as imagen-fonts:cmasc10 (a font specific to the IMAGEN printer). If you added a frobboz brand color monitor to the system, you could create a font designed to work with that particular monitor. Assume you named this font color-cptfont. Then you could add color-cptfont to the property list of the fonts:cptfont symbol by executing the following form:

(setf (get 'fonts:cptfont) fonts:color-cptfont)

Thus, whenever you output text to the frobboz-brand monitor, text that would be in cptfont on the default monitor would be displayed in the color-cptfont instead.

A font object can be supplied as a font specifier. This does not mean to use the font as specified; it means to use the font's name as a font specifier.

The functions that understand font specifiers have some intelligence to make life easier for you. If you enter the name of a font that is not loaded into the Lisp environment, an attempt is made to load it from the file server, using the name of the font as the name of the file, leaving the version and type unspecified, and using the load function. The pathname used is SYS:FONTS:fontname.XLD.

## :parse-font-specifier font-specifier

Method of w:screen

Parses a font specifier in the proper way for this window, according to the screen the window is on. The value returned is a font object. *font-specifier* can be any of the things previously discussed in Table 9-1, Table 9-2, and the beginning of this paragraph.

## :parse-font-name font-specifier

Method of w:screen

Parses a font specifier in the proper way for this window, according to the screen the window is on. The value returned is a font name: a symbol that, when evaluated, produces a font.

## w:font-evaluate font-name & optional (screen w:main-screen)

**Function** 

Returns the font specified by font-name. font-name can be a font specifier or a font purpose keyword. The optional screen argument is needed only where font-name is a font purpose keyword. In this case, screen is either a sheet or screen object used to determine the screen for which the font purpose is evaluated. font-name is evaluated repeatedly until the result is not a symbol, is an unbound symbol, or is nil.

## :change-of-default-font old-font new-font

Method of windows

Informs the window that the meaning of some standard font-name symbols has changed. If the window uses any of them, it may need to recompute the parameter that must change when a font changes. For example, if the changed font is used in the label, the window's inside size may be changed; if it is used in the window's font map, the line height may be changed. Either situation may cause the number of lines to change, and this may require adjustment of other data. This adjustment can be performed by an :after method on this method.

In addition, the method must be passed along to all inferiors and potential inferiors.

## w:set-standard-font font-purpose font-specifier w:set-screen-standard-font screen font-purpose font-specifier

Function Function

Sets the standard font. w:set-standard-font sets the standard font on all screens. All windows on the screen that were set up to use the standard font for this purpose switch to using the newly specified font. w:set-screen-standard-font sets the standard font only on the screen specified by screen, rather than on all screens.

#### Arguments

font-purpose — The purpose of the font. The font-purpose keywords are :default, :menu, :menu-standout, :label, and :margin-choice, which are described in Table 9-2.

font-specifier — The font that is to be the standard font.

w:get-standard-font font-purpose & optional (the-screen w:default-screen)

**Function** 

Returns the font object assigned for this font-purpose. font-purpose is a keyword, one of those described in Table 9-2, that indicates the kind of use. the-screen is the screen associated with this font purpose.

## w:make-font-purpose font-specifier font-purpose

Function

Adds or alters the *font-purpose* to be associated with a particular font *(font-specifier)*. This function affects all the screens.

For example, consider the following code, which defines the font purpose :flashy to be the 43vxms font, a gigantic gothic font.

```
(w:make-font-purpose fonts:43vxms :flashy)
```

Any reference to the :flashy font purpose refers to the font 43vxms. For example, the following form

creates an instance of a window with the font map set to the font purpose :flashy. Any output displayed on this window instance is done using the font 43vxms.

Suppose you want to change the :flashy font purpose to be a different font, say hl12bi. The following form accomplishes this change.

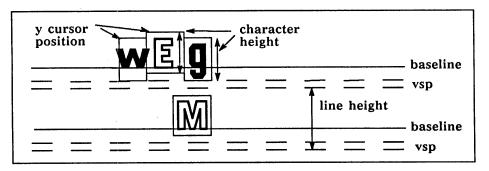
```
(w:make-font-purpose fonts:hl12bi :flashy)
```

This function first verifies that the :flashy font purpose already exists, and then changes it to be a different font, hl12bi. Subsequent output to any window referring to the :flashy font purpose in its font map uses hl12bi instead of 43vxms.

#### Attributes of Fonts

9.6 Fonts, and characters in fonts, have several attributes. One attribute of each font is its character height. This is a nonnegative fixnum used to determine how tall to make the lines in a window. Recall that each window has a certain line height. The line height is computed by examining each font in the font map and finding the one with the largest character height. This largest character height is added to the vsp specified for the window, and the sum is the line height of the window. The line height, therefore, is recomputed every time the font map is changed or the vsp is set. This procedure ensures that there is always enough room on any line for the largest character of the largest font to be displayed, while still leaving the specified vertical spacing between lines. One effect of this feature is that if you have a window that has two fonts, one large and one small, and you produce output in only the small font, the lines are still spaced far enough apart that characters from the large font fit. This spacing is used because the window system cannot predict when you might, in the middle of a line, suddenly switch to the large font.

Another attribute of a font is its baseline. The baseline is a nonnegative fixnum that is the number of raster lines between the top and base of each character. The base is usually the lowest point in the character, except for letters that descend below the baseline such as lowercase p and g. The baseline is stored so that when you are using several different fonts side by side, they are aligned at their bases rather than at their tops or bottoms. When you output a character at a certain cursor position, the window system first examines the baseline of the current font, then draws the character in a position adjusted vertically to make the bases of all the characters line up.



Note that the boxes that surround the characters are analogous to the boxes used in the font editor to create the characters.

:baseline window

Method of windows
Macro

Returns the position of the baseline of a text line—in pixels—measured from the top of the line's vertical extent (its cursor position).

The bases of all characters are aligned a specific number of pixels below the y cursor position, which is the top of the line on which the characters are printed. When a character is drawn, it is drawn below the cursor position by an amount equal to the difference between the number returned by the :baseline method and the baseline of the font of the character.

Another attribute of a font is the *character width*. The character width is the amount by which the cursor position should be moved to the right when a character is output to the window. Note that the character width does not necessarily correspond to the actual width of the bits of the character (although it usually does); it is simply defined to be the amount by which the cursor should be moved. Width can be an attribute either of the font as a whole or of each character separately.

Another attribute of each separate character is the *left kern*. Usually, its value is 0, but it can also be a positive or negative fixnum. When the window system draws a character at a given cursor position and the left kern is nonzero, then the character is drawn to the left of the cursor position by the amount of the left kern, instead of being drawn exactly at the cursor position. In other words, the cursor position is adjusted to the left by the amount of the left kern of a character when that character is drawn, but only temporarily; the left kern affects only where the single character is drawn and does not have any cumulative effect on the cursor position.

A font that does not have separate character widths for each character and does not have any nonzero left kerns is called a *fixed-width* font. The characters are all the same width, so they line up in columns, as in typewritten text. Other fonts are called *variable-width* because different characters have different widths, so characters do not line up in columns. Fixed-width fonts are typically used for programs where columnar indentation is used, while variable-width fonts are typically used for English text, because they tend to be easier to read and to take less space on the screen.

Each font also has attributes called the *blinker width* and *blinker height*. These are two nonnegative fixnums that tell the window system an appropriate width and height to make a rectangular blinker for characters in this font. These attributes are independent of other attributes and are used only for making blinkers. Typically, you should readjust the blinker width for each character in a variable-width font, making a wide blinker for wide characters and a narrow blinker for narrow characters. If you do not want to go to this trouble or do not necessarily know which character the blinker is on top of, you can use the font's blinker width as the width of your blinker. For a fixed-width font, the font's blinker width is always appropriate.

Each font has a *char-exists* table, which is an *art-1b* array with a value of 1 for each character that actually exists in the font and a value of 0 for other characters. This table is not used by the character-drawing software; it is used for information purposes. Characters that do not exist have pictures with no bits in them, exactly like the space character. Most fonts implement most of the printing characters in the character set, but some are missing some characters.

## **Displaying Fonts**

- 9.7 You can use one of the following to display fonts:
- The font editor commands Select and Display. See the Explorer Tools and Utilities manual for more information about the font editor.
- The Zmacs command META-X List Fonts. When you execute this command, the Zmacs editor lists all the loaded fonts. You can then select a font and Zmacs displays a table of the selected font and a sample font. See the Explorer Zmacs Editor Reference manual for more information about this command.
- The w:display-font function. This function is used by the preceding commands to display the font.

w:display-font font &key (:window w:selected-window)

Function

:columns (:label-base 8) (:label-font fonts:cptfont) (:sample-font fonts:cptfont) (:header-font fonts:hl12b) :mouse-sensitive-item-type :reset-cursor-p

Displays a table showing font compared to :sample-font on :window.

Arguments

font — The font to be displayed.

:window - The window in which the table is displayed.

:columns — The number of columns to use for the display. This value defaults to largest power of 2 that fits within the width of the window.

:label-base — The base to use for printing the label numbers.

:label-font — The font to use for printing the label numbers.

:sample-font — The font to print as a comparison to font.

:header-font — The font to use for printing the heading.

:mouse-sensitive-item-type — Whether the characters in the display are mouse-sensitive. If the value for this keyword is non-nil, the user can select a character with the mouse. This is typically useful only for the font editor.

:reset-cursor-p — Where to place the cursor on the display. If the value for this keyword is non-nil, the cursor is placed at 0,0 for :window. Otherwise, the cursor is placed at the end of the table.

For example, if you execute the following code in a Lisp Listener, it clears the display and produces a figure similar to the one shown:

(w:display-font fonts:courier)

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### Format of Fonts

9.8 This paragraph explains the internal format in which fonts are represented. Most users do not need to know anything about this format. You can skip the discussion of format of fonts without loss of continuity.

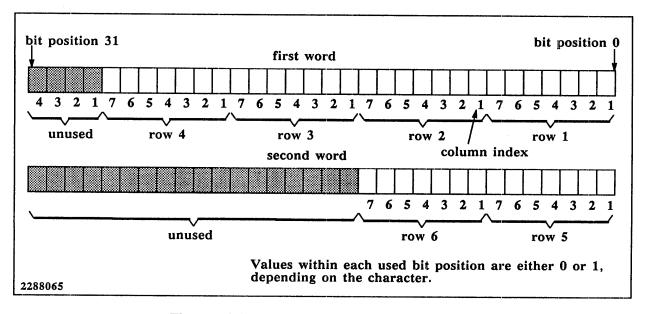
Fonts are represented as arrays. The body of the array holds the bits of the characters, and the array leader holds the attributes of the font and characters as well as information about the format of the body of the array. Note that one large array holds all the characters rather than a separate array for each character. The format in which the bits are stored is specially designed to maximize the speed of character drawing and to minimize the size of the data structure. Drawing speed is maximized by minimizing the number of words that need to be read from memory.

The font editor operates on a font by converting it into a different type of object containing the same data. This new object is called a *font descriptor*. See the files SYS:FONT-EDITOR;FNTDEF.LISP for the format of font descriptors, and SYS:FONT-EDITOR; FNTCNV.LISP for functions to operate on them and to convert between font descriptors and fonts.

If the font contains any characters that are wider than 32 bits, the font format works in a slightly different way. If such characters exist in a font, then the font is considered to be wide, and a single character can be made up of several subcharacters to be drawn side by side. A wide font stores subcharacters (instead of characters as such) and has a table indicating which subcharacters belong to each character of the character set. The following paragraphs discuss only narrow fonts in which there is no need to distinguish characters from subcharacters because each character is made of a single subcharacter.

Each character in a font can be thought of as having an array of bits stored for it. The dimensions of this array are called the raster width and raster height. The raster width and raster height are the same for every character of a font; they are properties of the font as a whole, not of each character separately. Consecutive rows are stored in the array; the number of rows per character is the raster height, and the number of bits per row is the raster width. An integral number of rows is stored in each word of the array. If there are any bits left over, those bits are unused. Thus, no row is ever split over a word boundary. When there are more rows than will fit into a word, the next word is used. Remaining bits to the left of the last word are ignored, and the next row is stored right-adjusted in the next word, and so on. An integral number of words is used for each character.

For example, consider a font in which the widest character is seven bits wide and the tallest character is six bits tall. The raster width of the font is seven and the raster height is six. Each row of a character is seven bits, so four of them fit into a 32-bit word, with four bits wasted, as shown in the following figure.



The remaining two rows require a second word, the rest of which are unused because the number of words per character must be an integer. Thus, this font has four rows per word and two words per character.

To find the bits for character 3 of the font, you multiply the character number—3—by the number of words per character—2—and find that the bits for character 3 start in word 6. The rightmost seven bits of word 6 are the first row of the character, the next seven bits are the second row, and so on. The rightmost seven bits of the seventh word are the fifth row, and the next seven bits of the seventh word are the sixth and last row.

Note the focus of this discussion is on *words* of the array. The character-drawing microcode does not actually care what type the array is; it only looks at machine words as a whole, unlike most of the array referencing in the Explorer. In an array that holds Lisp objects, such as an *art-q* array, the leftmost seven bits are not under control of the user, so these kinds of arrays are not suitable for fonts. In general, you need to be able to control the contents of every bit in the array, so fonts are usually art-1b arrays.

If any characters in the font are wider than 32 bits, then even a single row of the font does not fit into a word. Such characters are divided into subcharacters no more than 32 bits wide, and the character is drawn by drawing all of its subcharacters, one by one, side by side. The character-drawing microcode, which can handle only ordinary narrow characters, is invoked once for each subcharacter to draw a wide character. To make this process work, the wide font stores subcharacters in the same way a narrow font stores its characters.

In addition, the wide font has a *font indexing table*, which gives the first subcharacter number for each character code. In a narrow font, the font indexing table is nil. The character W is drawn by finding the value at index 87 (the character code for W) in the font indexing table, and the value at index 88. Suppose that these are 171 (for W) and 173 (for X). Then W is made up of two subcharacters: 171 and 172. Either of these subcharacters' bits can be found in the same way that the bits for character code 171 or 172 are found in a narrow font.

The array leader of a font is a structure defined by defstruct. The following functions access the elements of a font leader array.

w:font-name font

Function

Returns the name of font.

w:font-baseline font

Function

Returns the baseline of font. The value returned is a nonnegative fixnum.

w:font-blinker-width font w:font-blinker-height font Function

Function

Returns the blinker width or height, respectively, of font.

w:font-char-height font

**Function** 

Returns the character height of font. The value returned is a nonnegative fixnum.

w:font-char-width font

**Function** 

Returns the character width of *font*, which is typically the width of a lowercase m. The value returned is a nonnegative fixnum. If w:font-char-

width-table of this font is non-nil, then this element is ignored except to compute the distance between horizontal tab stops.

#### w:font-char-width-table font

Function

Returns an array that contains the character width of each character of font. If this value is nil, then all the characters of the font have the same width (the width returned by w:font-char-width). Otherwise, this function returns an art-q array of nonnegative fixnums, one for each logical character of the font, giving the character width for that character. Note that the width of a character is actually the number of pixels that the cursor moves when the character is drawn, rather than the width of the actual character glyph.

## w:font-left-kern-table font

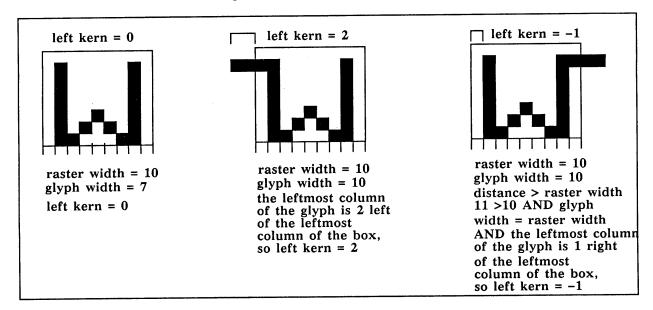
Function

Returns an array containing the kern of each character in *font*. If this value is nil, then all characters of the font have 0 left kern. Otherwise, this function returns an array of fixnums, one for each logical character of the font, giving the left kern for that character. A character has a positive left kern when any pixel of the character glyph extends outside the left edge of the character box. (The visual representation of width limits used in the font editor.) A character has a left negative kern when *both* of the following conditions are met:

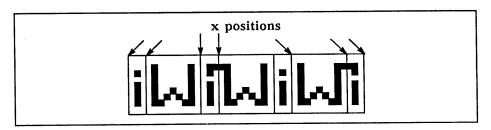
- The leftmost pixel of the glyph starts to the right of the leftmost column of the character box. That is, the leftmost column(s) of the character box are empty.
- The columnar distance from the rightmost pixel to the left edge of the character box is greater than the raster width but the glyph width is less than or equal to the raster width. In such a case, the character can still be stored in the allocated raster width. A negative left kern value tells the routines drawing the character to displace the output to the right, rather than to the left.

The left kern value is the number of pixels that the leftmost pixel of the glyph is displaced from the leftmost column of the character box. If the glyph width is ever wider than the raster width (which can occur when you are creating a font), the raster width is increased.

For example, consider the following characters:



A character that has left kerning is drawn, not at the current x position, but at the x position minus the kern value. After the character is drawn, the cursor moves to a new x position equal to the original x position plus the character width. The character width is taken from either the font char-width table, or, if the table is nil, from w:font-char-width. For example, consider the following characters shown drawn on the video display, along with their character boxes for reference:



Consider the characters as they would appear on the screen, with no extra reference marks:



w:font-chars-exist-table font

**Function** 

Returns an art-1b array with one element for each logical character of *font*. The value of the element is 1 if the character exists and 0 if the character does not exist.

w:font-raster-height font w:font-raster-width font

Function Function

Returns the raster height or width, respectively, of *font*. The returned value is a positive fixnum.

## w:font-rasters-per-word font

Function

Returns the number of rows of a character stored in each word of *font*. The returned value is a positive fixnum.

### w:font-words-per-char font

Function

Returns the number of words stored for each character or subcharacter in font. The returned value is a positive fixnum.

## w:font-indexing-table font

Function

Returns an array that is the indexing table of *font*. If this value is nil, then no characters of this font are wider than 32 bits. Otherwise, this is the font indexing table of *font*, an array indexed by character code that contains the number of the first subcharacter for that character code. An extra array element, referenced by an index number that is one greater than the largest character code, indicates where the subcharacters of the largest character code stop.

## **BLINKERS**

### Types of Blinkers

10.1 Like windows, blinkers are instances of flavors, but they are a different kind of flavor and support a different set of standard operations. The window system provides several kinds of blinkers, which differ in the way they appear on the screen.

Blinkers add visual cues to a window, but while programs are examining and altering the contents of a window, the blinkers all disappear. Before characters are output or graphics are drawn, the blinker is turned off; it comes back on later. Turning a blinker off is called *opening* the blinker. The w:prepare-sheet macro does this. You can see this happening with the mouse blinker when you move the mouse on the Explorer display.

To make this work, blinkers are drawn with an ALU operation that combines the blinker image's pixels with the screen's pixels in a reversible manner. That is, drawing the blinker image again restores the screen to its original appearance. On a monochrome system, this effect has been traditionally achieved by using the w:alu-xor ALU argument to draw the blinker the first time and w:alu-xor again the second time to restore the screen. On a color system, an equivalent effect can be achieved by first using w:alu-add for the first draw operation and w:alu-sub for the second draw operation. If w:alu-add and w:alu-sub are used on a monochrome system, the effect is the same as if w:alu-xor had been used both times. Thus, the most general way to draw blinkers is with w:alu-add and w:alu-sub because they exhibit the desired effect on both monochrome and color systems. (Table 12-2, ALU Values for Graphic Methods, lists several ALU values. For information on color ALUs, refer to paragraph 19.6, Color ALU Functions.)

Blinkers can be of many types and sizes. Some blinkers have geometric shapes, such as an arrow (mouse blinker), rectangle (cursor-following blinker), hollow rectangle (mouse blinker when positioned over a mouse-sensitive item), or any character of any font. The kind of blinker that you see most often is a blinking rectangle the same size as the characters you are typing. This blinker shows you the cursor position on the window. Another blinker often seen is the corresponding opening parenthesis when you are entering Lisp code while in the Lisp mode in the Zmacs editor. Blinkers do not always blink. For example, the *mouse arrow* does not blink at all. Mouse blinkers are discussed in detail in paragraph 11.7.

A window can have any number of blinkers on it at one time. They need not follow the cursor (some do and some do not). The ones that do are called *following* blinkers; the others have their position set by explicit operations.

In a color environment, you can set the color of the blinker as explained in paragraph 19.4, Initialization Options and Methods Used With Color Windows.

w:blinker

Flavor

Required methods: :blink, :size
The basic flavor for all blinkers.

w:make-blinker window &optional (flavor w:rectangular-blinker) &rest options

Function

Creates and returns a new blinker.

Arguments:

window - The window that the new blinker is to be associated with.

flavor - The flavor the blinker will be given. The default is w:rectangularblinker. Other useful flavors of blinker are documented later in this section.

options - Initialization options to the blinker flavor. w:make-blinker accepts any initialization keywords and values that are accepted by makeinstance. All blinkers include the w:blinker flavor, so initialization options taken by w:blinker work for any flavor of blinker. Other initialization options work only for particular flavors.

### w:with-blinker-ready do-not-open-p body

Used in writing methods of blinkers that change the size, position, shape, or anything else that affects how the blinker appears. This macro disables interrupts so that if the blinker is opened (that is, temporarily turned off), it remains open for the duration of the execution of body. Once the blinker is opened, its instance variables can be set.

Arguments:

do-not-open-p - Determines whether the blinker should be opened first or not. If do-not-open-p is nil, the blinker is actually opened before body is executed. Specifying a non-nil value for do-not-open-p causes the blinker to remain on the screen in case the caller wishes to avoid updating the blinker if no change is needed. If a change is needed, body can call the w:open-blinker function to open the blinker.

body - Lisp code to be executed. w:with-blinker-ready executes body after preparing to remove the blinker self from the screen. This macro executes within a blinker method; therefore, self is the blinker instance.

## Visibility and of Blinkers

10.2 Blinkers can have two modes: visible and deselected visible. The Deselected Visibility :visibility and :deselected-visibility initialization options describe the blinker's current visible attributes.

> The blinker's visibility is controlled by its visibility and deselected visibility attributes combined with whether or not the window is selected. Usually, only the blinkers of the selected window actually blink, which shows where your keyboard input goes on the window.

> While a blinker's current visibility is frequently changed by the program using the blinker, the deselected visibility is usually fixed and indicates something about how the blinker is generally used. When the window is deexposed, each blinker's visibility is initialized from its deselected visibility. When the window is selected, visibilities of :on or :off are changed to :blink. Blinkers whose visibility is t, nil, or :blink are not affected. These attributes are discussed with the :visibility and :deselected-visibility initialization options.

:visibility visibility

Initialization Option of w:blinker

Gettable, settable. Default: :blink

Initializes the w:visibility instance variable to the current visibility of the blinker, which can be one of the following:

- :blink The blinker blinks on and off periodically. The rate at which it blinks is called the *half-period* and is a fixnum giving the number of 60ths of a second between when the blinker turns on and when it turns off.
- $\blacksquare$  : on or t The blinker is visible but not blinking; it simply stays on.
- :off or nil The blinker is invisible. When a blinker is invisible, it cannot be seen but is still in the window.

### :deselected-visibility visibility

Initialization Option of w:blinker

Gettable, settable. Default: :on

Initializes the w:deselected-visibility instance variable to the blinker's deselected visibility, which can be one of the following:

- :on The blinker should be solid when deselected, blinking when selected. This is the most commonly used value and is the default for the blinkers that show the cursor position in a window.
- :off The blinker should be off (that is, invisible) when deselected, and blinking when selected. When a blinker is invisible, it cannot be seen, but is still in the window.
- :blink The blinker should be blinking whether selected or not.
- t The blinker should be solid whether selected or not.
- nil The blinker should be off whether selected or not.

### :blinker-deselected-visibility visibility

Initialization Option of windows

Default: :on

Initializes the visibility of the window's cursor-following blinker. visibility specifies the blinker's visibility.

#### :half-period half-period

Initialization Option of w:blinker

Gettable, settable. Default: 15.

Initializes the interval, in 60ths of a second between successive blinks of a blinker. w:half-period is specified in 60ths of a second. This instance variable is relevant only if the visibility is :blink or if the deselected visibility is :on or :off.

### w:time-until-blink

Instance Variable of w:blinker

Default: 0.

The time interval in 60ths of a second until the next time this blinker should blink. For a blinking blinker, this instance variable controls the next turning on or off.

w:time-until-blink is set to the value of the w:half-period instance variable and is decremented by 1 every 60th of a second. When w:time-until-blink reaches 0, the blinker blinks and w:time-until-blink is reset to the value of w:half-period.

A nonblinking blinker does not necessarily change its state at the specified time; the blinker is checked at that time and displayed if the blinker is supposed to be visible but is not. This procedure is how blinkers reappear after being opened so that output can be done.

### :defer-reappearance

Method of w:blinker

Is invoked whenever a blinker is opened to prepare a sheet if the visibility is not set to :blink and if the blinker is scheduled to reappear in less than 25/60ths of a second. By default, :defer-reappearance is defined to delay the blinker's reappearance until one-half second after the present.

### w:open-blinker blinker

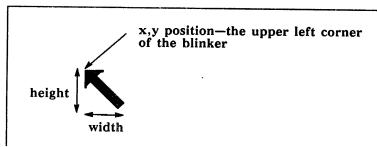
**Function** 

Clears blinker from the screen if it is currently drawn, and then redraws it if it is supposed to be visible. Blinkers that are supposed to be visible but are not on the screen are occasionally put back on the screen by the scheduler. A blinker, then, can be relied on to stay open only as long as interrupts are disabled. Thus, the caller must turn off interrupts of the blinker should stay open during the execution of any specific piece of code.

### Blinker Position

10.3 Every blinker is associated with a particular window. The blinker is displayed on this window so that its image can appear only within the window. When characters are output or graphics are drawn on a window, only the blinkers of that window and its ancestors are opened (because blinkers of other windows cannot occupy screen space that might overlap this output or graphics). The mouse blinker is free to move all over the screen it is on; it is therefore associated with the screen itself rather than a window and must be opened whenever anything is drawn on any window on the screen.

A blinker has a position, which gives the location of the blinker's upper left corner relative to the blinker's window. The blinker's lower right corner is controlled by the blinker's size together with its position. The blinker position must remain within the window's area. This restriction does not force the blinker's lower right corner to be within the window's area, but if it is not, the blinker's image is clipped, and the part outside the window does not appear.



### w:sheet-following-blinker window

**Function** 

Returns either a blinker that follows window's cursor, or nil if window has no such blinker. If there is more than one blinker, this function returns the first one it finds. (Although a window can have more than one cursor-following blinker, having more than one would be confusing.)

w:turn-off-sheet-blinkers window w:turn-on-sheet-blinkers window

Function Function

Sets the visibility of all blinkers on window to :off or :on, respectively. Blinkers in the window's inferior windows are not affected.

w:turn-off-all-sheets-blinkers window

**Function** 

Turns off all the blinkers of window, including inferiors.

w:get-visibility-of-all-sheets-blinkers window w:set-visibility-of-all-sheets-blinkers window blinker-list-values

Function

Function

Returns or sets the visibility of all window's blinkers, including inferiors. blinker-list-values is a list of values to be set. Each value in blinker-list-values corresponds to a blinker in window.

w:open-all-sheets-blinkers window

Function

Executes the w:open-blinkers function (described earlier in this section) for all the blinkers of window, including inferiors. w:open-all-sheets-blinkers should be done called within a without-interrupts macro to ensure that all blinkers are turned off when an operation completes execution.

:sheet new-window

Initialization Option of w:blinker

Gettable, settable. Default: none

Sets the window or screen on which this blinker appears.

The :set-sheet method moves the blinker to another window specified by new-window. If the old window is an ancestor or descendant of new-window, :set-sheet adjusts the (relative) position of the blinker so that it does not appear to move. Otherwise, :set-sheet moves the blinker to the point (0,0) in the new window.

:blinker-p t-or-nil

Initialization Option of windows

Default: t

Initializes the w:blinker-list instance variable to contain a cursor-following blinker for this window. t-or-nil specifies the blinker's visibility.

In effect, :blinker-p creates one cursor-following blinker for a window; any other cursor-following blinkers you want for a window can be created manually in an :init method or elsewhere.

:blinker-flavor flavor-name

Initialization Option of windows

Default: w:rectangular-blinker

Specifies a flavor for a cursor-following blinker.

:x-pos x

Initialization Option of w:blinker

Gettable. Default: 0.

:y-pos y

Initialization Option of w:blinker

Gettable. Default: 0.

Sets the initial x or y position, respectively, of the blinker within the window. These options are irrelevant for blinkers that follow the cursor (the values would be nil). The initial position for nonfollowing blinkers defaults to the current cursor position, which defaults to (0,0).

:read-cursorpos

Method of w:blinker

Returns two values—the x and y components of the position of the blinker that is inside the window.

:set-cursorpos x y

Method of w:blinker

Sets the position of the blinker, relative to the inside of the window. If the blinker has been a cursor-following blinker, then it ceases to be one, and from this point on moves only when :set-cursorpos is invoked. x and y specify the x and y position within the window where the blinker position is to be set.

After using the :set-cursorpos method, you should call the :set-follow-p method and specify a non-nil value for its argument to reset the blinker to follow the cursor. The preferred way to change the position of the following blinker of a window is to call the :set-cursorpos method for the window, not for the blinker.

:follow-p t-or-nil

Initialization Option of w:blinker

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets whether the blinker follows the cursor (t) or not (nil). The default is nil, so the blinker's position is set explicitly. If you specify nil for the argument to the :set-follow-p method, the blinker stops following the cursor and stays where it is until explicitly moved. Otherwise, the blinker starts following the cursor.

:phase

Method of w:blinker

Returns the current phase of the blinker: t when the blinker is present on the screen, or nil when the blinker is not on the screen. The w:phase and w:time-until-blink instance variables determine if a blinker blinks.

:blink

Method of w:blinker

Draws or erases the blinker. Because the blinker is always drawn using the w:alu-xor, drawing it and erasing it are usually exactly the same. The :blink method can examine the w:phase instance variable to determine the phase of a blinker, but usually there is no need to know. The :blink method can assume that the blinker's sheet is prepared for output. :blink, which is a required method of w:blinker, should always be called with interrupts disabled.

List of Blinkers

10.4 The :blinker-list method and w:sheet-blinker-list macro act on the blinkers listed in w:blinker-list.

:blinker-list w:sheet-blinker-list window Method of windows and screens
Macro

The list of all blinkers associated with this window or screen. The macro accesses the instance variable for window.

#### Blinker Size

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:size

Method of w:blinker

Returns two values indicating the width and height of the blinker area measured in pixels. Each flavor of blinker implements this method differently. :size is a required method for w:blinker.

:set-size new-width new-height

Method of w:blinker

Sets the size of the blinker's displayed pattern. Not all blinker flavors actually do anything, but they all allow this method. For example, character blinker size cannot change because there is no mechanism for automatically scaling fonts. The arguments specify the new width and height of the blinker, measured in pixels.

:set-size-and-cursorpos new-width new-height x y

Method of w:blinker

Sets the width and height of the blinker, in pixels as well as its position, all in one operation. This method prevents the blinker from appearing on the screen with its old size and new position, or vice versa.

Arguments:

new-width, new-height - The blinker width and height, measured in pixels.

x, y — The window coordinates, relative to the inside of the window, where the blinker is to appear.

### Rectangular and Character Blinkers

10.6 In addition to blinkers that follow the cursor, you can use rectangular, hollow rectangular, and character blinkers. The window system has flavors that use w:blinker to draw special blinkers on the window. You can specify the size of some of these blinkers. Some, especially those drawn using character fonts, have a fixed size.

rectangular-blinker	ibeam-blinker
hollow-rectangular-blinker	character-blinker
box-blinker	reverse-character-blinker

The window system uses other flavors for the mouse blinker; these are discussed in paragraph 11.7, Mouse Blinkers.

### w:rectangular-blinker

Flavor

Displays a solid rectangular blinker; this is the kind of blinker you see in Lisp Listeners and editor windows. You can use the :set-size method to control the width and height of the rectangle.

:width n-pixels

Initialization Option of w:rectangular-blinker

Default: the font-blinker-width of the first font in the font map of the associated window

:height n-pixels

Initialization Option of w:rectangular-blinker

Default: the font-blinker-height of the first font in the font map of the associated window

Sets the initial width or height, respectively, of the blinker, measured in pixels.

:set-size new-width new-height

Method of w:rectangular-blinker

Sets the width and height of the blinker, measured in pixels.

:set-size-and-cursorpos new-width new-height x y

Method of

w:rectangular-blinker

Sets the width and height of the blinker, measured in pixels, and its x,y position.

w:hollow-rectangular-blinker w:box-blinker

Flavor Flavor

Displays a hollow rectangle. w:hollow-rectangular-blinker draws a box one pixel thick; w:box-blinker draws a box two pixels thick. These flavors include w:rectangular-blinker. The Zmacs editor uses such blinkers of flavor w:hollow-rectangular-blinker to show you which character the mouse is pointing at.

w:stay-inside-blinker-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:rectangular-blinker

Keeps the corners of a rectangular blinker, or any modified version thereof, inside the blinker's window. Normally, a blinker flavor only makes sure that a blinker's position (its upper left corner) is within the window. w:stay-inside-blinker-mixin positions a blinker as close to the requested place as possible while keeping the entire blinker within the window.

w:ibeam-blinker

Flavor

Displays a blinker that looks like an I beam (an uppercase I). Its height can be controlled using the :height initialization option. The vertical line is two pixels wide, and the two horizontal lines are nine pixels wide. An example of this kind of blinker is shown on the previous page.

:height n-pixels

Initialization Option of w:ibeam-blinker

Default: The line height of the window

Sets the initial height of the blinker. *n-pixels* specifies the blinker height, measured in pixels.

w:character-blinker

Flavor

Draws a blinker that is a character from a font. You can control which font and which character within the font that w:character-blinker uses by supplying initialization options.

For example, the following code creates a blinker that is an A in the 43vxms font at the current cursor position. The blinker remains at that position until explicitly moved.

:font font

Initialization Option of w:character-blinker

Sets the font that w:character-blinker uses to draw the blinker. This font can be anything acceptable to the :parse-font-specifier method of the window's screen. You must provide the value for w:character-blinker. font specifies the font for w:character-blinker to use.

:character new-character

Initialization Option of w:character-blinker

Gettable. Default: None; you must specify a character

:set-character new-character & optional new-font

Method of w:character-blinker

Sets the value for w:character-blinker, which you must provide (no default is provided). new-character is the character used to draw the blinker; new-font is the font used. new-font can be anything acceptable to the :parse-font-specifier method of the window's screen. If new-font is not specified, the font remains unchanged.

NOTE: For mouse blinkers, use the w:mouse-set-blinker-definition function instead of :set-character.

#### w:reverse-character-blinker

Flavor

Creates a blinker as a solid rectangle with a character removed from it. That is, a solid rectangle and the character are both drawn and XORed with each other.

All the methods and initialization options of w:character-blinker are provided, though this flavor does not depend on w:character-blinker. This flavor includes w:bitblt-blinker.

The position of the blinker is at the upper left corner of the rectangle. The initialization options :character-x-offset and :character-y-offset specify the position of the upper left corner of the character with respect to the rectangle.

:character-x-offset *n-pixels*Gettable.

Initialization Option of w:reverse-character-blinker

:character-y-offset *n-pixels*Gettable.

Initialization Option of w:reverse-character-blinker

Specifies the x-offset or y-offset, respectively, of the character's upper left corner from the blinker's upper left corner. *n-pixels* specifies the amount of offset, measured in pixels.

For example, the following code creates a blinker that is an E in the bigfnt font at the current cursor position. The blinker remains at that position until explicitly moved.

w: bitblt-blinker

Flavor

Displays a blinker by copying a two-dimensional array of pixels onto the screen. The array's size must be at least the size of the blinker. This flavor also has the ability to be the mouse blinker. You must specify an array, either with the :array initialization option or with both the :height and :width initialization options.

NOTE: Do not use w:bitblt-blinker to define the mouse blinker. The mouse blinker has a flavor with its own associated initialization options, methods, and instance variables.

:array array

Initialization Option of w:bitblt-blinker

Gettable, settable. Default: none

Specifies the array of pixels to be used to display the blinker. You should use w:make-sheet-bit-array to create the array. If you do not specify this initialization option, you must specify both the :height and :width initialization options, which are used to create an empty array of that size. array is the array of pixels used to display this blinker.

:height *n-pixels* :width *n-pixels* 

Initialization Option of w:bitblt-blinker Initialization Option of w:bitblt-blinker

Sets the initial height or width of the blinker, respectively, in pixels. *n-pixels* is the number of pixels to which the dimension is set. If you do not specify the :array initialization option, you must specify both the :height and :width initialization options.

:size

Method of w:bitblt-blinker

Returns the width and height of the blinker. If these values are less than the size of the blinker's array, then only part of the array is used, starting at the upper left corner.

:set-size width height

Method of w:bitblt-blinker

Sets the size of the blinker, making a new array if the old one is not as big as the new size. The arguments specify the new dimensions of the blinker, measured in pixels.

### w:magnifying-blinker

Flavor

Provides a kind of bitblt blinker that automatically displays a magnified version of some of the dots underneath it. A small square of screen pixels is magnified by replacing each pixel with an n by n square of identical pixels, where n is the blinker's magnification factor. w:magnifying-blinker includes the w:bitblt-blinker flavor, so all initialization options and methods of w:magnifying-blinker can use w:bitblt-blinker.

The x-offset and y-offset, which the blinker has by virtue of w:mouse-blinker-mixin, help determine the center of magnification. The position of the magnifying blinker is, as always, the position of its upper left corner.

However, the cursor position plus the offsets give the point that the blinker is indicating (this is the place where the mouse position would be if this blinker were the mouse blinker). The magnification does not change that point on the window.

:magnification factor

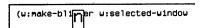
Initialization Option of w:magnifying-blinker

Gettable, settable. Default: 3.

Specifies the magnification factor of the magnifying blinker. The height, width, and offsets of the blinker should be multiples of the magnification. factor is the degree of magnification.

For example, the following code creates a blinker at the current cursor position that magnifies whatever character is under it (in the following figure, an n). The blinker remains at that position until explicitly moved.

:height 32 :width 16 :magnification 4)



## THE MOUSE

### Using the Mouse

11.1 The mouse is an input device used by programs and windows. With the mouse, a user can move the cursor position and indicate choices from a menu or actions to be performed.

At any given time, the mouse is considered to be indicating a certain position on the screen, called the *mouse cursor position*. The mouse cursor is a conceptual entity that is regarded as what moves inside the machine when the user moves the mouse.

The mouse cursor position is indicated on the screen by a blinker called the *mouse blinker*, an actual Lisp object of the sort described in paragraph 10.1, Types of Blinkers. Different blinkers can be the mouse blinker at different times because each window can decide what to use as the mouse blinker when that window has control of the mouse.

There can be more than one screen, but the mouse cursor position is limited to one screen, called the *mouse sheet*. (It does not have to be a screen, but it normally is.) Mouse cursor positions are usually represented relative to the outside of the mouse sheet, though in operations on windows they are sometimes represented relative to the particular window.

The mouse cursor usually moves only if the user moves the mouse. The program, however, can move the mouse cursor and change the logical position of the mouse at any time. This is called warping the mouse. For example, double click left in the editor warps the mouse to where the editor cursor is currently located. Because there is no fixed association between positions of the physical mouse on the pad and screen positions, warping the mouse does not result in any inconsistency.

Tracking the mouse means examining the hardware mouse interface, noting how the mouse is moving, and adjusting the mouse cursor position and the mouse blinker accordingly. Mouse tracking is performed by either microcode (when the mouse is within a window) or by a process called the mouse process (when the mouse moves between windows). The mouse process also keeps track of which window has control of the mouse at any time. For example, when the mouse enters an editor window, the editor window becomes the owner, and to indicate this, the blinker becomes a northeast arrow. These changes are performed by the mouse process.

In general, the mouse process decides how to handle the mouse based on the flavor of the window that owns the mouse. Some flavors handle the mouse themselves, running in the mouse process, which enables them to put boxes (and the like) around things. Boxing an item usually indicates that clicking a button would affect the boxed item or perform some function determined by the boxed item. The effect of clicking the mouse buttons is also determined by the flavor of the window owning the mouse. The editor, the Inspector, menus, and other system facilities do this.

The functions, variables, and flavors described in this section allow you to use the mouse to do some simple things. This section also explains how to use advanced mouse behavior in your programs. The Zmacs editor uses the various functions, flavors, initialization options, and methods described in this section. Alternatively, you can invoke the built-in choice facilities, such as menus and multiple-choice windows; these high-level facilities are described in Section 14, Choice Facilities.

This section does not discuss how to create mouse-sensitive items. This is described in paragraph 14.5, Mouse-Sensitive Items.

# Mouse Variables and Functions

11.2 The following variables and functions affect the position of the mouse on a window.

sys:mouse-x sys:mouse-y

Variable Variable

The x or y position of the mouse measured, in pixels, from the outside upper left corner of the mouse sheet. The process handling the mouse—normally the mouse process—should maintain these variables. Note that the w:mouse-input function does not automatically maintain the sys:mouse-x and sys:mouse-y variables. You must add the code to maintain these variables if you want to track the cumulative mouse position.

w:mouse-sheet

Variable

The mouse sheet, the one on which the mouse cursor moves.

w:mouse-set-sheet window

**Function** 

Sets w:mouse-sheet to window. Only inferiors of the mouse sheet (to any number of levels) can own the mouse.

w:mouse-set-sheet-then-call window function &rest args

**Function** 

Changes the value of the w:mouse-sheet variable to window, applies function to the variable, then resets the value of the w:mouse-sheet variable to the value it had before the w:mouse-set-sheet-then-call function was called. args are the argument(s) to be used by function.

w:mouse-speed

Variable

Default: 0.

The speed the mouse has been moving recently, in units approximating inches per second.

w:mouse-warp x y &optional (relative nil)

Function

Warps the mouse to the positions specified by the x and y arguments. The x and y arguments are the respective outside x and y coordinates within the mouse sheet. If *relative* is x, x is mouse-warp moves the mouse relative to its current position. If *relative* is x is x in x in

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w:mouse-fast-motion-speed

Variable

Default: 30. units approximating inches per second

w:mouse-fast-motion-cross-size

Variable

Default: 40. pixels for each arm of the cross

w:mouse-fast-motion-cross-time

Variable

Default: 2000. iterations of a do loop

w:mouse-fast-motion-bitmap-time

Variable

Default: 16000, iterations of a do loop

Variables that determine the behavior of the mouse when the user moves the mouse very quickly. Moving faster than w:mouse-fast-motion-speed causes the cursor-following blinker to change to either a cross that is w:mouse-fast-motion-cross-size in width, or a bitmap image, as determined by the value of w:mouse-fast-track-bitmap-mouse-p.

Either the large cross or bitmap image appears while a do loop iterates the number of times specified by their respective variables (w:mouse-fast-motion-cross-time or w:mouse-fast-motion-bitmap-time).

### w:mouse-fast-track-bitmap-mouse-p

Variable

Default: nil, which means to use the default cross

w:bitmap-mouse-pathname

Variable

Default: "SYS:WINDOW;GODZILLA-MOUSE.BITMAP"

Specifies whether to use a bitmap image or a default large cross when the mouse is moved faster than w:mouse-fast-motion-speed. A value of nil means use the default cross; a non-nil value means use the bitmap image found in w:bitmap-mouse-pathname.

### Mouse Parameters 11.3 The following are used to tailor the mouse to the user's needs.

#### w:mouse-bounce-time

Variable

Default: 2000. microseconds

The delay in microseconds that the system waits before reexamining the status of a mouse button. That is, when a mouse button is clicked, the system records the click and then waits the duration specified by w:mouse-bounce-time before examining the same mouse button again.

### w:mouse-double-click-time

Variable

Default: 200,000. microseconds (0.2 seconds)

The delay in microseconds after which the system gives up checking for an additional mouse-click.

### w:mouse-discard-clickahead

**Function** 

Clears out the microcode buffer in which the mouse-tracking microcode records mouse-clicks.

### w:use-kbd-buttons

Variable

Default: t

Determines whether to interpret the LEFT, MIDDLE, and RIGHT keyboard keys as mouse clicks. A value of t specifies to treat input from those keys exactly as if the input was from mouse clicks.

w: \*mouse-incrementing-keystates\*

Default: (:control :shift :hyper)

Variable

A list of keys (valid arguments for w:key-state). When the mouse is clicked, each of these keys that is held down adds 1 to the number of clicks. Thus, if you perform a single click with the CTRL key pressed down, this single click is treated as a double click.

w:mouse-handedness

Variable

Default: :right

Determines whether the mouse is configured to be used by a left-handed or right-handed user. Possible values are :left and :right.

Switching from one value to another automatically changes how the mouse reacts to clicks. For example, with the default value of :right, a user working in the Zmacs editor would double click right to invoke the System menu, click middle to mark a region, and click left to move the mouse cursor to point. With a value of :left, the clicks are mirrored—that is, the user would double click left to invoke the System menu, click middle to mark a region, and click right to move the mouse cursor to point.

A user can set this variable in the Profile utility, or execute one of the following functions.

w:setup-mouse-left-handed w:setup-mouse-right-handed

Function Function

Changes the mouse handling to be normal for a left-handed or right-handed person, respectively.

### Mouse Clicks

- 11.4 The system can interpret the signal produced when a user presses a mouse button as one of a button mask, a character, or a blip.
- Button masks can indicate any of the actual hardware conditions. For example, a button mask can indicate when a user has pressed two buttons simultaneously. Buttons masks are only used by low-level mouse handlers because they are not as obvious as the equivalent encoded character when placed in code.
- Encoded characters symbolize certain actual hardware conditions, and so are more obvious when placed in code than the equivalent button mask. For example, the mouse character #\mouse-L-1 is more obvious than its equivalent button mask (a value of 1).
- Blips are similar to encoded characters but include more information, such as the position of the mouse when the click occurred. Blips are discussed in general in paragraph 8.3, Blips. Specific blips are described with the methods that generate them.

### **Button Masks**

11.4.1 A button mask is the internal representation of which mouse buttons are depressed. The numbers 1, 2, and 4 represent the left, middle, and right buttons, respectively, and the value of the mask is the sum of the numbers representing the buttons that were being held down. For example, a value of 5 indicates that both the left and right buttons were depressed.

#### w:mouse-last-buttons

Variable

Contains a mask describing the mouse buttons as they were the last time the process handling the mouse looked at them.

### w:mouse-buttons & optional peek

Function

Returns four values:

- 1. The current state of the mouse buttons, in the format used by w:mouse-last-buttons, by examining the hardware mouse registers.
- 2. The time when the values item 1 were the true state of the buttons.
- 3. The x coordinate of the mouse at the time reported in item 2.
- 4. The y coordinate of the mouse at the time reported in item 2.

If peek is non-nil, the function examines and returns the state without removing the state from the input buffer. Processes other than the mouse process use this option. The value for peek defaults to t if it is called from the mouse process, and to nil otherwise. Typically, you should allow the function to default this argument.

NOTE: If you incorrectly specify *peek* as nil, subsequent mouse operations—even after you exit the process that calls w:mouse-buttons—may be interpreted incorrectly.

### w:mouse-character-button-encode buttons-down

Function

Interprets pressing a mouse button as a click. This function monitors the mouse button and determines whether a single click or double click occurs; it returns either nil (if no button is pushed), or an encoded character describing the click (as explained in paragraph 11.4.2, Encoding Mouse Clicks as Characters). This function is used in the :mouse-click method of w:essential-mouse-mixin.

w:mouse-character-button-encode is called only when a button has just been pressed; that is, a button is pressed down that was not down before. You must pass buttons-down, which is a bit mask specifying which buttons were pressed, that is, which are down now that were not down before. The following form computes this mask:

(logand (logxor old-buttons -1) new-buttons)

where:

old-buttons is a mask of the buttons that were down before.

new-buttons is a mask of the buttons that are down now.

### w:merge-shift-keys char

**Function** 

Modifies *char* by setting the bits corresponding to all the shift keys currently pressed down on the keyboard and then returns *char*. The shift keys include SHIFT, CTRL, META, HYPER, SUPER, and SYMBOL.

This function is useful on the result returned by w:mouse-character-buttonencode if you wish to record the state of the shift keys in the description of a mouse click so that the shift keys can alter the meaning of the click. For example, if a Zmacs buffer contains the form:

(w:merge-shift-keys #\A)

and you evaluate that form using the Evaluate Region command (that is, you mark the form and press CTRL-SHIFT-E), the system returns #\c-A because the CTRL key was depressed when the form was evaluated.

### Encoding Mouse Clicks as Characters

11.4.2 Clicks on the mouse are sometimes *encoded* into characters. Such characters are normally forced into input buffers of windows, so they are distinguished from regular keyboard characters by having the mouse bit turned on. Encoding of clicks is done with the w:mouse-character-button-encode function (described previously).

Mouse clicks can also be done on the keyboard. See the variables w:use-kbd-buttons and w:\*mouse-incrementing-keystates\* in paragraph 11.3, Mouse Parameters.

The following subtle point explains some difficulties you may have with the w:kbd-mouse-buttons-mixin and w:list-mouse-buttons-mixin flavors. The characters (or blips) created by these two mixins go straight into the window's input buffer. Under some circumstances they may bypass pending characters that have been typed ahead at the keyboard. Thus, if you type some text and then select an item with the mouse in rapid succession while your program is busy, the program may see the mouse click before it sees the character from the keyboard. See paragraph 8.6.1, I/O Buffers and Type-Ahead, for further discussion of these issues.

The w:kbd-mouse-buttons-mixin and w:list-mouse-buttons-mixin flavors handle mouse clicks by forcing keyboard input describing the click.

### w:kbd-mouse-buttons-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:essential-mouse

Handles mouse clicks by encoding them as characters that are forced into the window's input buffer. Single clicking the left button on an unselected window selects that window; double clicking the right button calls the System menu. Otherwise, the encoded character representation of the click is forced into the input buffer of the window. (Specifically, the input is sent as a fixnum via:force-kbd-input; which button was clicked is stored by using the w:mouse-buttons function; the number of clicks is stored by using the charmouse-clicks function.)

The state of the CTRL, META, SUPER, and HYPER keys is included in the bits attribute of the encoded character field. This state can be tested using the w:key-state function, described in paragraph 8.8, Querying the Keyboard Explicitly.

#### w:list-mouse-buttons-mixin

Flavor

Similar to w:kbd-mouse-buttons-mixin, except that a blip is placed in the input buffer rather than simply an encoded character. The blip has the following form:

 $(:mouse-button\ encoded-char\ window\ x\ y)$ 

This blip is more useful than the encoded character: the blip tells you where the mouse was (relative to the outside part of the window) and which window the mouse was over (this is useful primarily if several windows are sharing the same input buffer).

The encoded character returned in the blip contains information about which mouse button was pressed, the number of clicks, and the state of the CTRL, META, SUPER, and HYPER keys when the mouse was pressed. You can retrieve this information by using the **char-mouse-buttons**, **char-mouse-clicks**, and **char-bits** functions. See the *Explorer Lisp Reference* manual for more information about these functions.

The state of the CTRL, META, SUPER, and HYPER keys is included in the bits attribute of the encoded character field. This state can be tested using the w:key-state function, described in paragraph 8.8, Querying the Keyboard Explicitly.

# Ownership of the Mouse

11.5 The window that the mouse is positioned over usually handles the mouse; this window owns the mouse. The window that owns the mouse is the one that receives the :handle-mouse, :mouse-moves, and :mouse-click messages.

Because windows are arranged hierarchically, a window, its superior, its superior's superior, and so on, are all positioned under the mouse at the same time. So the window that owns the mouse is really the lowest window in the hierarchy that is visible (that is, the window farthest in the hierarchy from the screen that, along with all its ancestors, is exposed). If you move the window to a part of the screen occupied by a partially visible window, then one of its ancestors (often the screen itself) becomes the owner. The screen handles single clicking on the left button by selecting the window under it. This is why you can select partially visible windows with the mouse.

A window can be greedy and keep ownership of the mouse, even if the mouse moves outside of it, if the w:window-owning-mouse variable is set to that window. This variable should be used only when that window has gained ownership of the mouse by legitimate means, inside a :handle-mouse method on that window or one of the other methods invoked by the window. Inferiors of the greedy window can still own the mouse when it is over them. Greediness ends when w:window-owning-mouse is set back to nil (its normal state). Then mouse ownership reverts to whichever window is under the mouse. While a window is being greedy, mouse tracking continues to use the methods of the owning window, but the way of determining the owning window is changed.

The mouse can also be *grabbed*, which means that a process has taken it away from all windows. This state is represented by w:window-owning-mouse set to t.

Usurping the mouse is an even more drastic method of taking over control. It turns the mouse process off, so you have to do the tracking yourself. See paragraph 11.5.2, Usurping the Mouse.

#### w:window-owning-mouse

Variable

Indicates whether the mouse is owned or grabbed, as follows:

Value	Explanation				
nil	The mouse is owned by the window it is on.				
t	The mouse is grabbed but the window is not able to identify itself.				
A window	The mouse is owned by the window no matter where the mouse is.				
:stop	Forces the mouse process to do nothing.				

### w:window-owning-mouse &optional x y

Function

Returns the window that now owns the mouse, either because the window is being greedy or because the mouse is positioned over it. If x and y are specified, w:window-owning-mouse returns the window that would handle the mouse if the mouse was at x,y.

#### w:mouse-window

Variable

Either the window that is currently handling the mouse, or nil if there is none. This value is returned by the w:window-owning-mouse function.

#### w:mouse-wakeup

Function

Informs the mouse process that the screen layout has changed. Anything that can change the window that is under the mouse at any time should call this function.

#### w:hysteretic-window-mixin

Flavor

Allows a window to continue owning the mouse (by being greedy) for a small distance beyond the edges of the window. This distance is called the hysteresis, and you can specify it using the :hysteresis initialization option. Pop-up menus use the w:hysteretic-window-mixin flavor so that if you accidentally move the mouse cursor a bit outside the menu, the menu remains exposed; you have to move the mouse cursor well away from the menu before the menu deexposes.

#### :hysteresis hysteresis

Initialization Option of w:hysteretic-window-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: 25.

Sets the value, in pixels, of the hysteresis.

#### Grabbing the Mouse

11.5.1 The window that owns the mouse usually interprets the mouse clicks and motion. Some applications, such as Edit Screen, use the mouse for choosing a window to operate on. It is then necessary to make sure that control of the mouse remains with the program that is interpreting the mouse clicks (for example, Edit Screen) rather than whatever window the user chooses. Control is accomplished by grabbing the mouse.

When the mouse is grabbed, the mouse process is told that no window owns the mouse, and the mouse process changes the mouse blinker back to the default (a northeast arrow). The mouse process continues to track the mouse, and your process can now watch the position and the buttons by using sys:mouse-x and sys:mouse-y, as well as the following variables and functions.

Macro

Contains a body of Lisp code; body is evaluated with the mouse grabbed. body should first set the mouse blinker with a function such as w:mouse-standard-blinker. body can wait for changes in the tracked position of the mouse by using w:mouse-wait.

The w:with-mouse-grabbed macro binds the w:who-line-mouse-grabbed-documentation variable to nil, which makes the mouse documentation window blank. You can change this variable to a string or a list using setq inside body (see :who-line-documentation-string in paragraph 11.6, How Windows Handle the Mouse, for a description of the list). The result is then displayed in the mouse documentation window. If your program has modes that affect how the mouse behaves, each part of the program should use this variable to display this documentation.

### w:mouse-wait &optional (old-mouse-x sys:mouse-x)

Function

(old-mouse-y sys:mouse-y) (old-mouse-buttons w:mouse-last-buttons) (whostate "mouse")

Causes the process to wait until any of the variables sys:mouse-x, sys:mouse-y, or w:mouse-last-buttons change from the values passed of old-mouse-x, old-mouse-y, and old-mouse-buttons. whostate is displayed as the who-line status while the process is waiting. This function is used in processes other than the mouse process.

To avoid timing errors, your program should examine the values of these variables, use the values, and then pass them as arguments to w:mouse-wait before allowing the mouse to move again. It is important to do things in this order, or else you might fail to update one of the variables changed while you were using the old values and before you called w:mouse-wait. If you fail to update the variables, then the w:mouse-wakeup function cannot inform the mouse process that the mouse has been used.

w:mouse-wait binds the w:who-line-mouse-grabbed-documentation variable to nil, which makes the mouse documentation window blank.

### w:who-line-mouse-grabbed-documentation

Variable

The text that appears in the mouse documentation window. When this variable is non-nil, it overrides all other sources of mouse documentation for the mouse documentation window.

You can change this variable to a string or a list using setq inside body (see :who-line-documentation-string in paragraph 11.6, How Windows Handle the Mouse, for a description of the list). The result is then displayed in the mouse documentation window. If your program has modes that affect how the mouse behaves, each part of the program should use this variable to display this documentation.

When grabbing or usurping the mouse, you should explain what is going on in the mouse documentation window at the bottom of the screen. The with-mouse-grabbed and with-mouse-usurped macros bind this variable to nil, which makes the mouse documentation window blank. Inside the body of one of these macros, you can change this variable to a string using setq; the result is then displayed in the mouse documentation window. If your program has modes that affect how the mouse behaves, each part of the program should use this variable in its own documentation.

Function

Returns the visible window the mouse is positioned over.

If you specify values for x and y and if x and y are non-nil when w:window-under-mouse executes, the function returns the window at the screen coordinates specified by the x and y arguments.

If you do not specify values for x or if y and x and y are nil when w:window-under-mouse executes, the function returns the window under the mouse blinker.

The mouse process uses w:window-under-mouse to decide which window owns the mouse. You can also use this function when you grab the mouse.

### Arguments:

method — The method controlling the mouse. If method is non-nil, only windows that handle that method are considered.

active-condition — Whether to select active or exposed windows. If active-condition is :active, then w:window-under-mouse selects only active windows. If active-condition is :exposed, then w:window-under-mouse selects only exposed windows.

x, y — The x and y coordinates of the location of the mouse blinker.

The following functions are used in the screen editor to enable a user to position a window.

w:mouse-specify-rectangle & optional left top right bottom (window w:mouse-sheet) (minimum-width 0) (minimum-height 0) (abortable nil)

Grabs the mouse and allows the user to specify the upper left and lower right corners of a rectangle by using the mouse. w:mouse-specify-rectangle returns four values: the values of the left, top, right, and bottom of the rectangle, all relative to window.

The user can specify a corner of a rectangle by doing any of the following:

- Explicitly moving the mouse blinker to a location and clicking left.
- Accepting the default location by clicking left without moving the mouse. The default locations are either specified by the optional *left*, *top*, *right*, and *bottom* arguments. If these arguments are not specified, the upper left corner is specified by the current mouse position; the function assumes a nearby position for the lower right corner.
- Clicking right to allow the function to decide a location for the corner. Thus, for panes in a frame or other complex layouts, the system tries to fill the available space. Allowing the system to place the corner produces a layout that is precisely filled, that is, one whose panes are contiguous and not separated by a few pixels of space (which may happen if a user tries to explicitly place the panes with the mouse).

The user can also click middle to abort the operation if *abortable* is t. If the user specifies a rectangle that is zero or negative in size (for example, if the user places the lower right corner to the left or above the the location selected for the upper left corner), the function returns the entire main screen. This procedure is how the System menu Create option works.

Typically, you should use the w:mouse-set-sheet-then-call function to expose the window, and then call w:mouse-specify-rectangle.

### Arguments:

left, top, right, bottom — The initial x,y coordinates of the upper left and lower right corners of the rectangle. left and top, when non-nil, specify the upper left corner of the rectangle. right and bottom, when non-nil, specify the lower right corner of the rectangle. The updated values are returned by the w:mouse-specify-rectangle function.

window - The window to which left, right, top, and bottom are relative.

minimum-width, minimum-height — The constraints for the values that can be returned. The difference between the returned values of left and right cannot be less than the value of minimum-width. The same relationship holds for minimum-height and the difference between top and bottom.

abortable — Whether the execution can be aborted. Only if abortable is non-nil can the function be aborted. If this argument is non-nil, pressing the middle button on the mouse aborts the execution of this function.

## w:mouse-set-window-size window & optional (move-p t)

**Function** 

Grabs the mouse and asks the user for new edges for window, returns the new edges, and (unless inhibited) sets the edges of window to the new edges as well. The edges of window are set unless move-p is nil or unless the user aborted.

The values returned are either the new left, top, right, and bottom edges, suitable for the :set-edges method, or nil if the user aborted.

## w:mouse-set-window-position window & optional (move-p t)

Function

Grabs the mouse and asks the user for a new position for window. If move-p is t, the window is moved to the position specified by the user. If move-p is nil, the window position is not changed. In both cases, w:mouse-set-window-position either returns the new x and y position of the upper left corner, suitable for the :set-position method, or returns nil if the user aborted.

### Usurping the Mouse

11.5.2 For optimal real-time performance, you can *usurp* the mouse. Then the mouse process steps aside and lets you do everything related to tracking the mouse until you return control to it. The sys:mouse-x and sys:mouse-y variables are not updated while the mouse is usurped. The mouse blinker disappears, and if you want any visual indication of the mouse to appear, you must add the necessary code to display the mouse blinker.

#### w:with-mouse-usurped body

Macro

Contains a body of Lisp code; *body* is evaluated while the mouse is usurped. You can track the mouse within *body* by using the w:mouse-input function.

w:with-mouse-usurped binds the variable w:who-line-mouse-grabbed-documentation to nil, which makes the mouse documentation window blank. Inside body, you can change this variable to a string or a list using setq

inside body (see :who-line-documentation-string in paragraph 11.6, How Windows Handle the Mouse, for a description of the list). The result is then displayed in the mouse documentation window. If your program has modes that affect how the mouse behaves, each part of the program should use this variable to display this documentation.

### w:mouse-input &optional (wait-flag t)

Function

Waits until something happens with the mouse; then it returns values that tell what happened and passes back the position of the mouse when the button was pressed. w:mouse-input returns six values:

- The first two values are delta-x and delta-y, which are the distance that the mouse has moved since the last time w:mouse-input was called.
- The second two values are buttons-newly-pushed and buttons-newly-raised, which are bit masks (using the bit assignment of the w:mouse-last-buttons function) that identify which buttons have been clicked since the last time w:mouse-input was called.
- The last two values are the x and y positions of the mouse.

You should call this function only when the mouse is usurped. Otherwise, you interfere with the mouse process, which also calls this function; then mouse tracking does not work correctly.

w:mouse-input does not maintain the sys:mouse-x and sys:mouse-y variables. You must add the code to maintain these variables if you want to track the cumulative mouse position. w:mouse-input function does maintain the w:mouse-last-buttons variable.

The buttons-newly-pushed value is suitable for being passed as an argument to the w:mouse-character-buttons-encode function, which can be used with the mouse usurped as well as with the mouse grabbed.

If wait-flag is nil, then the function does not wait; it may return with all zeroes, indicating that nothing has changed.

### How Windows Handle the Mouse

11.6 The mouse is rarely grabbed or usurped. A window (or a screen) usually owns the mouse, in which case mouse handling works through various flavor methods of the owning window. There are several methods, used at various points in mouse handling, to give you convenient hooks for modifying a window's behavior.

The outermost loop of mouse handling determines the owning window and then invokes its :handle-mouse method. When this method returns, the owning window is recalculated.

#### :handle-mouse

Method of windows

Is invoked by the mouse process to handle the mouse while it is positioned on this window. :handle-mouse should return only when the mouse moves out of the window, or if the mouse is grabbed.

The default definition of this method calls the w:mouse-standard-blinker function followed by the w:mouse-default-handler function.

### w:mouse-default-handler window & optional scroll-bar-flag

**Function** 

Is the core of the :handle-mouse method. :handle-mouse typically sets up the desired type of mouse blinker and then calls the w:mouse-default-handler function.

w:mouse-default-handler invokes the :mouse-moves method to inform the window about mouse motion and invokes the :mouse-buttons method to inform it about buttons that have been pressed. The :mouse-moves and :mouse-buttons methods are the most convenient hooks to use for implementing simple new mouse behaviors.

#### Arguments:

window - The window for which the mouse is being handled.

scroll-bar-flag — A value that describes the position of the mouse in relation to the scrolling region. scroll-bar-flag can be one of the following:

Value	Mouse Position
:in	Already in the scroll bar. This value is used by the :handle-mouse-scroll method.
t	Entering the scroll bar.
nil	Not in the scroll bar.

## :set-mouse-cursorpos x y :set-mouse-position x y

Method of windows Method of windows

Moves the mouse instantaneously to the specified position. The effect is as if the user had moved the mouse over to that spot without actually touching the mouse.

x and y specify the mouse's new position. For :set-mouse-cursorpos, these values are relative to the inside edges of the window (as in the :set-cursorpos method). For :set-mouse-position, the values are relative to the outside edges of the window.

### :mouse-moves x y

Method of windows

Is invoked in the mouse process every time the mouse moves either into, within, or out of this window. x and y are the current position of the mouse, relative to the outside edges of this window.

:mouse-moves should always call the w:mouse-set-blinker-cursorpos function to make the mouse blinker move. In addition, the :mouse-moves method frequently moves other blinkers or turns them on or off. This is how menus outline the item the mouse is over.

The w:mouse-default-handler function invokes the :mouse-moves method.

When this window ceases to own the mouse, for whatever reason, the :mouse-moves method is always called one final time, so that it can turn off extra blinkers, and so forth.

### w:mouse-set-blinker-cursorpos &rest ignore

Function

Moves the current mouse blinker to the current mouse position. The :mouse-moves method typically calls this function. The value specified for *ignore* is ignored.

### :mouse-buttons mask x y

Method of windows

Is invoked in the mouse process when a button is pressed. By default, :mouse-buttons calls w:mouse-character-button-encode to check for double clicks, then brings up the System menu for double click right; otherwise, :mouse-buttons invokes the :mouse-click method.

For examples of special uses for this method, see the :mouse-buttons methods defined for w:scroll-bar-mixin and for w:menu.

The w:mouse-default-handler function invokes :mouse-buttons.

### Arguments:

mask — A mask of the buttons pressed of the form acceptable to the w:mouse-last-buttons variable.

x, y — The mouse position (in the mouse sheet).

### :mouse-click mouse-char x y

Method of windows

Does most of the handling of mouse-clicks. :mouse-click is invoked in the mouse process.

Any window selection desired should be done in another process, using process-run-function or w:mouse-select.

The :or method combination is used so that all the methods are run until one of them returns non-nil. Thus, each mixin can define a way of handling the mouse under certain circumstances, and it can decline to handle the click by returning nil. For example, if the mouse is positioned inside a margin choice box, w:margin-choice-mixin defines a :mouse-click method that handles the click; otherwise, w:margin-choice-mixin returns nil so that the window's primary way of handling clicks can be run.

The w:kbd-mouse-buttons-mixin and w:list-mouse-buttons-mixin flavors work by defining :mouse-click methods.

#### Arguments:

mouse-char — A character code describing the button pressed and how many times, such as #\mouse-L-2.

x,y — The position of the mouse at the beginning of the click. It is preferable to use this position rather than the current one because the user positions the mouse accurately before clicking, and mouse motion during the click is probably accidental.

## :who-line-documentation-string

Method of windows

Returns a string or list of items to be displayed in the mouse documentation window describing what happens if a mouse button is clicked while positioned over a window item. For example, menus are often defined to return a string that describes the menu item over which the mouse is positioned.

If the :who-line-documentation-string method returns a string, the string should describe what happens if a mouse button is clicked. If different buttons—or multiple clicks of a button—produce different results, the method should return a list rather than a string. Using a list enables the system to automatically switch the documentation for mouse clicks when the user selects a left-handed mouse.

If the :who-line-documentation-string method returns a list, the window system formats that list so that the items fit according to the amount of space currently available in the mouse documentation window. The returned list is

organized in keyword-value pairs. That is, the first, third, fifth, and so on, list items are keywords. The list item immediately following a keyword is the value for that keyword. The following keywords can be used:

- :documentation is a general documentation string displayed in the mouse documentation window.
- :font causes the following items in the list to be displayed in the specified font. The font is not required to be in the font map for the mouse documentation window.
- :keystroke is a keystroke associated with the command being documented. The value part of this keyword can be either a string or a character.
- Keywords for documentation used for clicking a specific button:

Keyword	Button and Number of Clicks			
:mouse-L-1	Left mouse button once			
:mouse-L-2	Left mouse button twice			
:mouse-L-hold	Left mouse button held			
:mouse-M-1	Middle mouse button once			
:mouse-M-2	Middle mouse button twice			
:mouse-M-hold	Middle mouse button held			
:mouse-R-1	Right mouse button once			
:mouse-R-2	Right mouse button twice			
:mouse-R-hold	Right mouse button held			

The number of lines available in the mouse documentation window controls how the documentation format is displayed.

- A keyword, :mouse-any, for documentation used for clicking any mouse button. Specifying this keyword causes the system to display L,M,R: followed by the documentation supplied.
- :no-comma, when specified, causes items in the mouse documentation window *not* to be delimited with commas. The argument for this keyword is a string that is used as the new delimiter. If you use the :no-comma keyword, you should do one of the following:
  - Specify nil for no delimiter.
  - Specify a string to provide a different delimiter (for example, a semicolon or period).
  - Explicitly format the strings. For example, the following code provides the mouse documentation for the scroll bar:

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:no-comma " "
 :documentation " Bump top or bottom for single line scrolling.")
"The who-line-documentation-string when in the scroll-bar.")

		L2: Next page		MH: Drag lines	}
77. Top line to here	RII: Continuous previous line	112: Previous page.	Bump top or bottom for :	single line scrolling.	
03/19/87 10:34:33AM W	EBB USER: Keyboa	rd → Lim	a: WEB9: IMAGE.XLD#3 0		

#### w:mouse-select window

Function

Selects window. This function is safe to use in the mouse process because w:mouse-select creates a temporary process to do the work. The :mouse-click method uses w:mouse-select.

### w:mouse-call-system-menu &optional (superior w:mouse-sheet)

Function

Brings up the System menu. This function is designed to be safe to use in the mouse process. The :mouse-click method calls w:mouse-call-system-menu.

#### Mouse Blinkers

11.7 At any given time, one blinker is the mouse blinker, which follows the motion of the mouse. It is not always the same blinker. Each window can create the kind of mouse blinker it wants or change the blinker, as long as that window owns the mouse.

The mouse blinker's sheet is the mouse sheet, not the window that owns the mouse and wants this blinker to be used. This arrangement avoids problems with displaying the blinker at points near the edge of the owning window such that parts of the blinker must be outside that window.

NOTE: Mouse blinkers track the position of the mouse; they do not follow cursor position (that is, their :follow-p attributes are nil). For example, the mouse blinker in the Zmacs editor is typically a northwest arrow. Its position is independent of the position of the cursor-following blinker, which are typically a solid rectangle. The Zmacs editor does offer functions that warp the mouse position to the cursor position and vice versa, so many users assume that cursor position and mouse position are related.

To make a window flavor use a particular mouse blinker, use the :mouse-standard-blinker method that alters the mouse blinker using w:mouse-set-blinker or w:mouse-set-blinker-definition.

Usually, only one form of mouse blinker is used for any given window. If you want the mouse blinker's appearance to vary while the mouse remains in the same window, a good technique is to have the :mouse-standard-blinker method know how to set up whichever blinker appearance is proper at the moment it is called, and then call w:mouse-standard-blinker after every event that might necessitate changing the blinker.

The w:bitblt-blinker and w:magnifying-blinker flavors are already suited to be mouse blinkers.

### Variables 11.7.1 and Functions

#### w:mouse-blinker

Variable

The blinker now following the mouse. This variable should not be changed by the user directly. A typical value for w:mouse-blinker is as follows:

#<MOUSE-CHARACTER-BLINKER 15600226>

### w:mouse-set-blinker type-or-blinker &optional x-offset y-offset

Function

Specifies a new mouse blinker. If x-offset and y-offset are non-nil, the pixel offsets of the blinker specified by the type-or-blinker argument are also set.

Typically, :mouse-standard-blinker methods call the w:mouse-set-blinker function.

#### Arguments:

type-or-blinker - The new mouse blinker, which can be a defined blinker type instead of a blinker. In this case, the w:mouse-set-blinker is equivalent to the w:mouse-set-blinker-definition function with only three arguments specified.

x-offset, y-offset - The position of the mouse cursor relative to the mouse blinker. If x-offset and y-offset are non-nil, pixel offsets of the type-orblinker are also set.

#### w:mouse-standard-blinker & optional (window (w:window-owning-mouse)) Function

Sets the mouse blinker to the standard blinker for window by invoking the :mouse-standard-blinker method on it. The function is called by the window system at appropriate times.

#### :mouse-standard-blinker

Method of windows

Should use the w:mouse-set-blinker function or the w:mouse-set-blinkerdefinition function to set up the right kind of mouse blinker to use when the mouse is on this window. By default, the :mouse-standard-blinker method is defined to pass on the message to the superior window; finally, the screen handles the method by making the blinker a northwest arrow.

### Flavors for Mouse Blinkers

11.7.2

#### w:mouse-blinker-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:blinker

Makes a blinker suitable for use as the mouse blinker. Not all blinkers can serve as mouse blinkers.

#### :offsets

Method of w:mouse-blinker-mixin

Returns two values: the x and y offsets of the blinker. The values give the position of the mouse cursor relative to the blinker; that is, to locate the cursor within the area of the blinker's display, the offsets must be positive.

### :set-offsets x y

Method of w:mouse-blinker-mixin

Sets the offsets of the blinker to the values specified by x and y.

A mouse blinker has two offsets that relate the blinker position to the mouse position. Remember that the blinker position is where the upper left corner of the blinker is displayed. The upper left corner is not always the part of the blinker you want to place at the precise position the mouse is pointing to. For example, if you are using a character blinker with the character x, probably the center of the x, rather than its upper left corner, should point to the specified position.

The following flavors produce blinkers of the specified type. These flavors have the same methods and initialization options as the analogous non-mouse blinkers. See paragraph 10.6, Rectangular and Character Blinkers, for a description of character blinkers.

#### w:mouse-character-blinker

Flavor

Produces a blinker that is an actual character.

### w:mouse-rectangular-blinker

Flavor

Produces a blinker that is a solid rectangular blinker.

### w:mouse-hollow-rectangular-blinker

Flavor

Produces a hollow rectangular blinker having a border one pixel thick.

### w:mouse-box-blinker

Flavor

Produces a blinker that is a hollow box having a border two pixels thick.

### w:mouse-box-stay-inside-blinker

Flavor

Produces a rectangular blinker—or any version of a rectangular blinker. The w:mouse-box-stay-inside-blinker flavor ensures that the entire blinker remains within the window. Normally, a blinker flavor only ensures that its upper left corner remains within the window by not drawing the portion of the blinker that falls outside the window.

### Reusable Mouse Blinker Types

11.7.3 You do not usually create mouse blinkers yourself. Instead, each screen keeps a list of mouse blinkers of various sorts, and you reuse one of them. This is done by means of mouse blinker type keywords. A mouse blinker type keyword is given a meaning, which is a function for creating a blinker. The first time a user wants a blinker of that type on a given screen, one is created and remembered, and it is reused every time a blinker of that type is wanted. A blinker type keyword serves a purpose similar to that of a resource.

Predefined type keywords include :character-blinker, :rectangle-blinker, :box-blinker and :box-stay-inside-blinker. These keywords refer to their respective flavors. For example, the :character-blinker keyword refers to the w:character-blinker flavor. You do not have to use this mechanism, but using it saves creation of blinkers.

### w:mouse-define-blinker-type type creation-function

**Function** 

Defines as a mouse blinker type the blinkers specified by the *type* argument. creation-function specifies the function to use to create the blinker. This creation-function must be defined to receive a screen as an argument and to call w:make-blinker to actually create the blinker.

### w:mouse-get-blinker type &optional (window w:mouse-sheet)

**Function** 

Returns a blinker of *type* whose window is *window*. The same blinker is automatically reused for different windows on the same screen. In fact, the blinker's window is the screen, not the *window* argument. *type* should be a keyword of w:mouse-blinker-type.

### w:mouse-set-blinker-definition type x-offset y-offset visibility method &rest args

Function

Sets the mouse blinker to the specified type, offsets, and visibility, then sends the blinker a message. For example, the :set-character method is useful with character blinkers.

The :mouse-standard-blinker method of a window can use the w:mouse-set-blinker-definition to specify a different appearance of the mouse blinker while the mouse is in that window.

#### Arguments:

type — The type of blinker to use for the mouse blinker, listed in the previous discussion of reusable mouse blinker types.

x-offset, y-offset — The x and y offsets from the blinker's upper left corner, the part of the blinker that points to an item.

visibility — The blinker's visibility, which can be t, :on, :off, or :blink.

method — Either nil or a method name. The method argument is typically used to initialize aspects of the blinker other than type, x-offset, y-offset, and visibility.

args — Arguments used by method if method is non-nil.

#### w:mouse-blinkers

Instance Variable of w:screen

A list of mouse blinkers (which are examples of various reusable mouse blinker types) that have been created for this screen. w:prepare-sheet turns off the blinkers in this list during drawing.

## Mapping Mouse Characters

11.7.4 If desired, you can change the glyph associated with a standard mouse character. (The standard mouse characters, or glyphs, are described in paragraph 11.7.5, Standard Values for Mouse Characters.) For example, instead of using a double-headed thick arrow to indicate scrolling, you could use a mouse-shaped glyph or a diamond. To restore the mouse characters to their original forms requires a single function call.

To change the glyphs used for standard purposes, you must do two things. First, you must have an alternate mapping for the glyphs. Next, you must put this mapping in effect.

### w:define-mouse-char-mapping map-keyword new-mapping

Function

Defines a new mapping of mouse characters so that the user can change the appearance of the mouse. The mapping can use either the mouse font or a different font. This function performs error checking to ensure that the new font is compatible with the mouse. The mapping is stored as the :mouse-char-mapping property on map-keyword. The mappings are processed so that the characters are fixnums and the font is a symbol. Note that this mapping assumes that the offsets of the mouse cursor from the blinker glyph remain the same.

Arguments:

map-keyword — A keyword used later to refer to this mapping of characters.

new-mapping — The list of the mapping. A mapping is of the form:

(mouse-character-descriptor new-glyph-descriptor optional-font) where:

mouse-character-descriptor is either a keyword or a character object that indicates the mouse character being mapped, such as :north-west-arrow or #\A.

new-glyph-descriptor is either a keyword or a character object for the glyph to replace the mouse character, such as :north-west-arrow or #\A.

optional-font is an optional element that indicates the font for new-glyph-descriptor. If optional-font is not specified, fonts:mouse is used.

The keywords for mouse-character-descriptor and for new-glyph-descriptor come from the w:mouse-name-to-position-map constant; each keyword names the mouse character at a specific position. You should use the keyword for characters in the mouse font rather than its corresponding character object because the character object has no relation to the mouse character. For example, the north-west-arrow glyph in the mouse font is the #\epsilon character object.

Suppose you want the northwest mouse cursor, such as used in the Lisp Listener, to be a w:mouse-glyph-hollow-box-pointer. The following code sets up the mapping and associates it with the keyword :hollow-box. Wherever the northwest or the northeast mouse cursors had been used, the hollow box pointer will be used after you remap the mouse characters.

#### w:remap-mouse &rest map-keywords

**Function** 

Remaps mouse characters to contain other glyphs. map-keywords is either nil to restore the mouse to its original mappings, or it is one or more keywords created by a w:define-mouse-char-mapping function. The remapping is performed for each keyword, left to right, in the order specified in the mapping. Thus, if you use several mappings that redefine the same character more than once, only the last mapping for that character is in effect. You can call w:remap-mouse repeatedly to change the character mappings.

**NOTE:** The mapping does *no* take effect until you leave an application or utility and then reenter it.

For example, this code implements the :hollow-box mapping defined in the previous example.

```
(w:remap-mouse :hollow-box)
```

# Standard Values for Mouse Characters

11.7.5 The w:mouse-name-to-position-map constant contains the standard mappings of mouse glyphs and characters. Normally you should use the keywords described in this constant rather than the character object or number to make the mappings easier to understand.

Glyph	Hex Value	Name Appended to w:mouse-glyph-	Glyph	Hex Value	Name Appended to w:mouse-glyph-
†	0	-thin-up-arrow	-	18	Reserved
<b>→</b>	1	-thin-right-arrow	1	19	-north-east-arrow
1	2	-thin-down-arrow	8	1A	-circle-x
<b>+</b>	3	-thin-left-arrow		1B	Reserved
‡	4	-thin-up-down-arrow	<b>&gt;</b>	1C	-large-right-triangle-pointer
↔	5	-thin-left-right-arrow	<b>&gt;</b>	1D	-medium-right-triangle- pointer
N,	6	-north-west-arrow	<b>&gt;</b>	1E	-small-right-triangle-pointer
×	7	-thin-cross	A	1F	-block-up-arrow
<b>1</b>	8	-thick-up-arrow	•	20	-small-diamond
•	9	-thick-right-arrow	u	21	-block-down-arrow
+	A	-thick-down-arrow	•	22	-hollow-box-pointer
<b>(=</b>	В	-thick-left-arrow		23	-solid-box-pointer
\$	С	-thick-up-down-arrow	0	24	-hollow-circle-pointer
9	10	-paragraph	0	25	-solid-circle-pointer
F	11	-upper-left-corner	X	26	-thick-hollow-cross
_1	12	-lower-right-corner		27	-block-letter-t
X	13	-hourglass	13	28	-hand-pointing-left
<b>+</b>	14	-circle-plus	*	29	-double-up-arrow
<u>ال</u>	15	-paint-brush	ক	2A	-hollow-arc-pointer
X	16	-scissor	•	2B	-solid-arc-pointer
<del>ф</del>	17	-trident	~	2C	-spline-pointer

(Contii Glyph	nued) Hex Value	Name Appended to w:mouse-glyph-	(Conti Glyph	nued) Hex Value	Name Appended to w:mouse-glyph-
<b></b> -	2D	-medium-diamond	- <del></del>	44	-north-rat-on-right
Δ	2E	-hollow-triangle-pointer	<u> </u>	45	-east-rat-on-bottom
Δ	2F	-solid-triangle-pointer	<u> </u>	46	-east-rat-on-top
73	30	-curtain	•	47	-south-rat-on-left
<b>&gt;</b> <	31	-scale	4	48	-south-rat-on-right
<b>,</b>	32	-6-3-arc-pointer*	4	49	-west-curly-rat-on-bottom
4	33	-9-6-arc-pointer*	*	4A	-west-curly-rat-on-top
<b>h</b>	34	-3-12-arc-pointer*	<b>b</b>	4B	-north-curly-rat-on-left
C	35	-12-9-arc-pointer*	4	4C	-north-curly-rat-on-right
	36	-ruler	<b>~</b>	4D	-east-curly-rat-on-bottom
ス	37	-polyline	<del>-</del>	4E	-east-curly-rat-on-top
<del>(d)</del>	38	-double-up-arrow- lettered-d	<b>₹</b>	4F	-south-curly-rat-on-left
<u>a</u>	39	-thick-up-arrow- lettered-d	1	50	-south-curly-rat-on-right
1	3A	-thick-line-pointer	49	51	-west-mouse-on-bottom
7	3B	-question-mark	10	52	-west-mouse-on-top
X	3C	-thin-hollow-cross	*	53	-north-mouse-on-left
<b>5</b>	3D	-eye-glasses	36	54	-north-mouse-on-right
+	3E	-thin-hollow-plus	<u> </u>	55	-east-mouse-on-bottom
	3F	-rectangle-dots	<b>6</b> 6	56	-east-mouse-on-top
	41	-west-rat-on-bottom	<b>\$</b>	57	-south-mouse-on-left
9	42	-west-rat-on-top	4	58	-south-mouse-on-right
U	43	-north-rat-on-left		59	Reserved

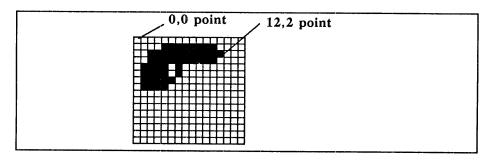
<sup>\*</sup> The numbers indicate the hour positions of a clock.

(Continued)		(Continued)			
Glyph	Hex Value	Name Appended to w:mouse-glyph-	Glyph	Hex Value	Name Appended to w:mouse-glyph-
	60	-small-dot	<u>+</u>	6A	-short-thin-down-border- arrow
X	61	-thick-cross	+	6B	-short-thin-down-arrow
•	62	-small-solid-circle	干	6C	-short-thin-up-border-arrow
•	63	-medium-solid-circle	<b>†</b>	6D	-short-thin-up-arrow
0	64	-hollow-circle		6E	-small-up-triangle
Θ	65	-hollow-circle-minus		75	-small-down-triangle
<b>①</b>	66	-hollow-circle-plus			

Creating a New Glyph 11.7.6 To create an entirely new glyph, follow these steps:

- 1. Using the font editor, create and store the new glyph in a font that has the same font height as the mouse font.
- 2. If you intend to reassign the offsets, compute the offsets of the new glyph from the upper left corner of the character box. Assuming the upper left pixel is the 0,0 point of a window coordinate system, obtain the x,y coordinates of the point that should be the mouse position when this glyph is used as the mouse blinker.
- 3. Assign a name to the glyph.
- 4. Use the w:define-mouse-char-mapping function to define a new mapping.
- 5. Use the w:remap-mouse function to remap the mouse.
- 6. If you want to reset the offsets for this particular blinker, define a special :mouse-standard-blinker method for each window that uses this blinker.

For example, suppose you create a right-pointing pistol and you want the muzzle of the pistol to indicate the cursor position. First, you create the glyph and save it in the p position of the my-mouse font using the font editor (see the *Explorer Tools and Utilities* manual for an explanation of how to use the font editor). If you want to create only one or two glyphs you could save them in the unassigned spaces in the mouse font. However, if you have several glyphs, such as a pistol pointing in each direction, you should create a new font so the new glyphs are easy to find and update.



The offsets for the cursor position would be 12,2.

Next, you assign a name to the glyph:

```
(defconstant w:mouse-glyph-pistol (charint #\p))
```

Define a new mapping where the pistol takes the place of both the northwest arrow and the northeast arrow:

Actually remap the mouse characters:

```
(w:remap-mouse :my-glyphs)
```

Then, because the offsets are different for the new glyph, define a special :mouse-standard-blinker method for each window that uses this blinker. In this case, suppose that you want to use this method the flavor called my-flavor.

If you are setting up a new application that includes several blinkers in one window that have different offsets, set up a data structure to hold each of the blinker offsets for each of the glyphs in the font you are using.

#### Mouse Scrolling

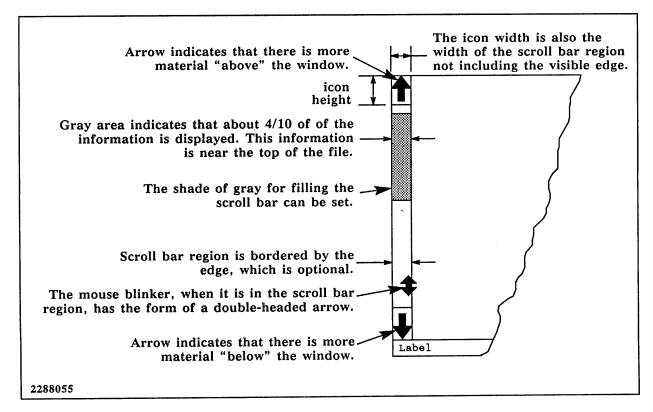
11.8 Some windows have the ability to *scroll*. They display only a portion of a virtual window that is (or may be) too big to be shown all at once. Scrolling means moving the portion of the window actually shown through the entire display. The window can be moved either up or down.

NOTE: Previous Explorer releases included several ways the mouse could be used to scroll a window, each implemented by a mixin. In Release 3.0, many of these special scrolling mixins have been combined into a single, simpler mixin that gives a better user interface, a better programmer interface, and better code. The Release 1.0 code is still available for use and is described in Appendix A, Obsolete Symbols; however, code marked as obsolete in this manual will be phased out in future releases.

#### Scroll Bars

11.8.1 The scroll bar is a graphic device used to indicate when more material is available than can be displayed at one time in a window. The scroll bar is displayed on either the left or right side of a window between the border and the border margin (the pixels of white space that separate the border from text). By default, a visible edge appears around the scroll bar region, which indicates where the mouse must be to execute scrolling with mouse clicks. When the mouse is in the scroll bar region, the mouse blinker is a double-headed arrow.

The scroll bar region can contain a more above icon (), a more below icon (), and a vertical bar. Unlike the More above and More below labels available in previous releases, the icons take up no vertical space in a window. Two lines are no longer needed to display labels. Thus, in windows such as Inspector panes, an application program can use all the vertical space to display information. The scroll bar is shown as a partially filled bar, where the length of the entire bar represents all the information and the shaded portion of the bar represents the length of the displayed information.



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While the mouse is in the scroll bar, mouse clicks have the following special meanings. Note that the left, middle, and right clicks are the same for both Release 3 and previous releases. The special meanings for the other clicks have changed.

Mouse Click	Description	
Left Left hold Double left	This line to top Continuous next line Next page	
Middle Middle hold	To fraction of buffer Drag lines	
Right Right hold Double right	Top line to here Continuous previous line Previous page	

In addition to these clicks, the user can scroll the display one line at a time by positioning the mouse cursor over one of the icons and bumping the cursor against the line that the icon is pointing at.

A display mode determines what to display when more information is available above or below the buffer. In :medium mode (the default), one or both icons are displayed automatically, as appropriate (that is, the more above icon appears if there is more information above the window; the more below icon appears if there is more information below the window). The scroll bar is displayed only if you bump the mouse against the edge of the window, at which time the scroll bar appears. In :maximum mode, the scroll bar is displayed if either icon is displayed. In :minimum mode, the scroll bar and icons are displayed only after you bump the mouse against the edge of the window. If the mode is nil, the scroll bar is completely disabled, freeing the margin region space.

The mechanism of bumping the mouse against the window edge to display the scroll bar has an undesirable side effect: the user cannot easily move the mouse past that edge of the window. This difficulty can become important in the right-hand pane of a constraint frame, such as the Text area of the Glossary utility. To avoid the problem, you should display the scroll bar on the right side of the window instead of the left.

### w:scroll-bar-mixin Flavor

Provides a scroll bar and enables scrolling by using the mouse. This flavor requires w:essential-window and w:borders-mixin as component flavors, as well as requiring the methods :scroll-to, :scroll-position, and :new-scroll-position to be defined as for text scroll windows.

You can turn off the icons only by setting w:scroll-bar-icon-height to 0. You can completely disable the scroll bar by setting scroll-bar-mode to nil.

#### :scroll-bar-side side

Initialization Option of w:scroll-bar-mixin

Default: w:\*scroll-bar-default-side\*, initially :left

Determines which side of the window to display the scroll bar. Possible values are :left or :right.

#### :scroll-bar

#### Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin

Either returns t if there is a scroll bar on the left side of the window and there is something to scroll, or returns nil. This method is compatible with the Release 1.0 scroll bar mixins.

#### :scroll-bar-on-right

#### Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin

Either returns t if there is a scroll bar on the right side of the window and there is something to scroll, or returns nil.

#### :handle-mouse-scroll

#### Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin

Handles bumping with the mouse to display the scroll bar. The method changes the blinker to the character specified by w:\*scroll-bar-char-index\*, changes the active state of the scroll bar, and then recursively calls the default mouse handler with a parameter of :in. This parameter specifies that the scroll bar should attempt to keep the mouse for a set distance after the user moves the mouse outside the scroll bar region. :handle-mouse-scroll is called from the default mouse handler when the scroll bar is invoked by bumping.

#### w:\*scroll-bar-char-index\*

Variable

Default: w:mouse-glyph-thick-up-down-arrow

The index to the character in fonts:mouse that is used for the mouse when the mouse enters the scroll bar region.

#### w:\*scroll-bar-char-x-offset\*

Variable

Default: 6., which is the value used for the default character defined by w:\*scroll-bar-char-index\*

#### w:\*scroll-bar-char-y-offset\*

Variable

Default: 6., which is the value used for the default character defined by w:\*scroll-bar-char-index\*

The x or y offset, respectively, for the mouse character blinker used by the scroll bar.

#### :scroll-bar-icon-width

Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin

Settable. Default: w:\*scroll-bar-default-icon-width\*, initially 7 pixels

Returns the width of the icons in pixels, which is also the width of the scroll bar. The width does not include the pixels (3 by default) used to draw the box and the region edge border line around the scroll bar.

#### :scroll-bar-icon-height

Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin

Settable. Default: w:\*scroll-bar-default-icon-height\*, initially 9 pixels

Returns the height of the icons. Setting the variable to 0 disables the icons.

#### w:\*scroll-bar-shade\*

Variable

Default: w:50%-gray

The default shade to use to fill the highlighted area of the scroll bar. You can set this variable using setq. Any of the system-defined shades of gray discussed with the w:make-gray function in paragraph 12.4.2, Bit Block Transferring, are acceptable.

#### :scroll-bar-draw-edge-p

Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin

Settable. Default: nil, do not draw the edges

Returns whether to draw (t) or not draw (nil) the edge of the scroll bar region.

#### :scroll-bar-mode

Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin

Settable. Default: w:\*scroll-bar-default-mode\*, initially :medium

Returns a value that specifies when to display the scroll bar and/or the arrow icons. Possible values are:

- nil Permanently disable the scroll bar and free its margin region space.
- :minimum Display the scroll bar and the icons only when the mouse is moved into the area of the scroll bar, that is, when you bump the mouse.
- :medium If there is more material above the window, display the more above icon; if there is more material below the window, display the more below icon. Display the scroll bar only when it is bumped.
- :maximum If there is more material above the window, display the more above icon; if there is more material below the window, display the more below icon. If either of the icons is displayed, also display the scroll bar. This mode may not be as fast as :medium because calculating the length of the scroll bar requires more time.

#### :scroll-bar-on-off

Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin

Settable. Default: nil, which means to ignore this feature

Returns a flag that specifies whether to enable the :decide-if-scrolling-necessary method. If this flag is nil, scrolling is either always on or always off. If this flag is t, the :decide-if-scrolling-necessary method is enabled, which allows this window to enable or disable its scroll bar as needed. To decide whether to enable the scroll bar, use :decide-if-scrolling-necessary at the appropriate time, typically after setting the item list for a window.

#### :decide-if-scrolling-necessary

Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin

Turns the scroll-bar regions on or off. This method should be called after changing the number of displayable items but before doing the redisplay. This method can change the inside size of the window unless the :adjustable-size-p method has been defined and returns t. If :adjustable-size-p returns t, you should set the outside size of the window before calling :decide-if-scrolling-necessary. Although the :adjustable-size-p method is not defined by the w:scroll-bar-mixin flavor, the method is used by this flavor when the method is defined.

#### w:\*scroll-bar-default-clicks\*

Variable

Defines the methods to call for mouse clicks when the scroll bar is active. If you should want to change the default action of the mouse clicks for scrolling, you need to modify the methods listed in this variable or call different methods. Default actions are set up to give a consistent interface throughout the Explorer system, and typically you should not change them. If you do change them, you should also change the default documentation in the mouse documentation window that explains the actions.

#### w:\*scroll-bar-who-line-documentation\*

Variable

The default string that appears in the mouse documentation window when the mouse is in the scroll bar region, as shown in the following:

L: This line to top LH: Continuous next line L2: Next page M: To fraction of buffer MH: Drag lines

17: Top line to here III: Continuous previous line II2: Previous page. Bump top or bottom for single line scrolling.

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The following variables control how the mouse speed interacts with the scroll bar. These variables can be set by the :handle-mouse method.

#### w:scroll-bar-max-speed

Variable

Default: 7. units approximating inches per second

Minimum speed at which a user can move the mouse across a scroll bar. If the user moves the mouse into the scroll bar area at a speed less than w:scroll-bar-max-speed, the mouse stops against the scroll bar edge and does not move into the next area.

#### w:scroll-bar-max-exit-speed

Variable

Default: nil

Speed at which you leave the scroll bar.

#### w:scroll-bar-reluctance

Variable

Default: 1. pixels

The number of pixels the mouse must move beyond the inside edge of the window (that is, in the scrolling area) before scrolling is invoked.

#### Scrolling Protocol

11.8.2 You must define the following three methods for use by w:scroll-bar-mixin. Typically, you can use the definitions provided by text scroll windows for these methods, described in paragraph 16.2, Specifying the Item List.

:scroll-position

:scroll-to

:new-scroll-position

### Methods Retained for Compatibility

11.8.3 These methods exist for compatibility with previous releases. They are not necessarily efficient.

:scroll-more-above :scroll-more-below Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin

Returns t if there is text to scroll up or down to, respectively. The default definitions use the :scroll-position method; some flavors redefine :scroll-more-above or :scroll-more-below for greater efficiency.

#### :scroll-relative from to

Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin

Scrolls the window to move what is now at the y position specified by the *from* argument to the y position specified by the *to* argument. The arguments can be numeric vertical cursor positions, or the symbols :top or :bottom. The :scroll-position and :scroll-to methods are used to accomplish the scrolling.

#### :enable-scrolling-p

#### Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin

Returns t when the window has a scroll bar in active mode and there is something to scroll. This method is compatible with the old method.

For the sake of the scrolling, the contents of the window are considered to be divided vertically into lines. A position for scrolling is expressed as the number of lines that are above the top of the window or below the bottom of the window. These do not have to be actual lines of text—though usually they are—but they must all have the same height. Usually this common height is the window's line height, but it need not be.

#### :scroll-bar-lines

Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin

Settable. Default: w:\*scroll-bar-default-lines\*, initially 1 line

Returns the number of lines to scroll each iteration when doing continuous scrolling. Although larger numbers may be faster in some cases, the effect is a jerky rather than a smooth movement of text.

### :scroll-bar-delay-time

Method of w:scroll-bar-mixin

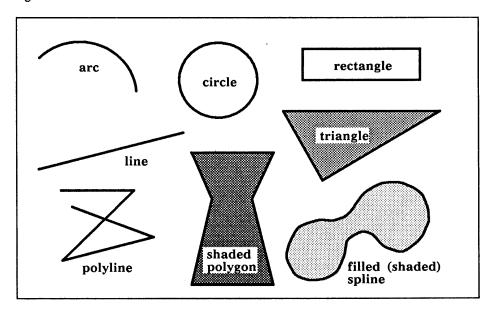
Settable. Default: w:\*scroll-bar-default-delay-time\*, initially zero 60ths of a second

Returns how many 60ths of a second to wait each iteration when doing continuous scrolling. This delay is needed by utilities that must switch processes to perform scrolling, such as the Zmacs editor.

### **GRAPHICS**

#### Introduction

12.1 The window system features the ability to draw graphics on the video display. The simple graphics that you can draw are shown in the following figure.



In general, graphics are of two types:

- Graphic images Images are drawn on the video display. When the user or a program executes a clear screen, or when the screen is scrolled up, the images disappear. To create the images again, the code must again be executed to create the images.
- Graphic objects Objects, once created, are both drawn on the video display and exist in a graphics database known as a world. Thus, when the user or a program executes a clear screen, the image of the object disappears, but the object itself still exists in memory. To display the object again, you draw it rather than recreating the object.

The type of graphics you use for a particular application depends on the application. If your application requires only an image, then you should use the simpler graphic image methods, functions, and primitives. This code is in the W and the SYS packages. These methods execute somewhat faster and require less overhead than the graphic object methods, and you should use them when you need to draw the image only once.

If your application requires that you be able to store and retrieve the image, edit the image, or dynamically change the image, you should use graphic objects. The flavors and methods that implement graphic objects are in the GWIN package.

Window System Reference 12-1

This section discusses the graphics capabilities of the window system and the graphics window system. This section does not attempt to explain the concepts behind graphics displays. For the theory of graphics and graphic displays, see a standard text on graphics such as Fundamentals of Interactive Computer Graphics by Foley and Van Dam (ISBN 0-201-14468-9; first published 1982, reprinted with corrections 1984, at Reading, Massachusetts; Addison-Wesley Publishing Company).

#### **ALU Arguments**

12.2 Most graphics methods, whether they draw graphic images or create graphic objects, use an arithmetic logic unit (ALU) argument. The ALU argument controls how the graphic being drawn intersects with images already on the window. In most cases, the ALU argument is optional; if no ALU argument is used, the method uses a default ALU argument, w:normal (which is w:alu-seta on both monochrome and color systems). Graphics methods support inclusive-or, exclusive-or, and, and-with-complement, setall, and set-zero. On a color display, additional ALUs are available.

An ALU uses two arguments to control how a pixel is drawn on a screen. The two arguments are the *value* of the pixel being drawn and the *corresponding pixel* on the screen. On a monochrome display, the pixel is either on or off; combining the two arguments according to Boolean algebra determines whether to draw the pixel on the screen. Various logical combinations are available, as discussed in the following paragraphs.

On a color display, the pixel has an integer value that represents its color; combining two arguments is no longer a binary operation. For a discussion of color ALUs, refer to paragraph 19.6, Color ALU Functions.

## General ALU Arguments

12.2.1 In most cases, instead of specifying a particular ALU argument, you use the following general purpose instance variables to specify how to draw or erase objects on the display.

#### w:char-aluf w:sheet-char-aluf window

Instance Variable of windows
Function

Default: In a monochrome environment, the default is w:alu-transp, which functions exactly like w:alu-ior in that it merges the object being drawn with the existing object on the window. That is, w:alu-ior turns the pixel on if either input value is on; otherwise, the pixel remains off. In a color environment, the default is also w:alu-transp, which combines source and destination bits according to the rules of transparency. Refer to paragraph 19.6, Color ALU Functions, for details on transpency.

#### w:erase-aluf w:sheet-erase-aluf window

Instance Variable of windows
Function

Default: In a monochrome environment, the default is w:alu-back, which functions exactly like w:alu-andca in that it turns off all bits in the destination. In a color environment, the default is also w:alu-back, which makes all bits in the destination the background color.

The typical ALU arguments used for drawing or erasing on a window, respectively. The :tyo, :string-out, and other methods use these instance variables. Other methods that you define to draw on or erase on a window should also use w:char-aluf and w:erase-aluf because these instance variables ensure that the output works properly for both standard and reverse video and also on both monochrome and color systems.

The macros access the respective instance variables, which you can set using setf.

When using ALU arguments, the most general approach is to use w:combine (w:alu-transp) and w:erase (w:alu-back), whether you are using a monochrome or a color system. w:alu-transp and w:alu-back behave as if they were w:alu-ior and w:alu-andca when used on a monochrome system, but w:alu-ior and w:alu-andca do not behave as if they were w:alu-transp and w:alu-back on a color system. Therefore, your application is upward compatible from monochrome to color when w:alu-transp and w:alu-back are used.

Whenever possible, the w:char-aluf and w:erase-aluf instance variables should be used instead of w:combine and w:erase. (Like w:combine, the value of w:char-aluf is w:alu-transp on both color and monochrome systems; like w:erase, the value of w:erase-aluf is w:alu-back on both color and monochrome systems.) If you do not use the w:char-aluf and w:erase-aluf instance variables, you should use symbolic names, such as w:combine, instead of logical names, such as w:alu-transp, because this will help in porting applications to color.

Refer to Table 12-2, ALU Values for Graphic Methods, for a discussion on w:combine, w:erase, w:alu-transp, and w:alu-back.

#### Available Monochrome ALU Arguments

12.2.2 The ALU arguments determine whether a pixel is turned on or off when an image is drawn. The following table discusses the effects of each ALU argument in a monochrome environment. In the center column, the first square shows the input that is drawn on the screen; the second square shows what the screen looks like to begin with; the third square shows the effects of the ALU arguments on the display.

## ALU Argument and Expanded Name

#### Input, Screen, Result

#### Description

w:alu-seta Set-all







Copies the object being drawn without regard to the existing image on the window.

w:alu-ior (w:alu-transp) Inclusive-or





Merges the object being drawn with the existing object on the window. w:alu-ior turns pixels on if either input value is on; otherwise, the pixel remains off.

It is recommended that you use w:alu-transp in place of w:alu-ior in your applications regardless of whether you are using a monochrome or color system because this will help in porting applications from monochrome to color.

w:alu-and And







Turns on a pixel on the window only if the pixel is on in both the object being drawn and the object on the screen; otherwise, w:alu-and turns off the pixels at the window coordinates of the object being drawn.

w:alu-xor (w:alu-add) Exclusive-or







Turns on pixels if only one of the input values is on; otherwise, w:alu-xor turns the pixel off. A common use of w:alu-xor is to erase an object after it has been drawn on the screen. For example, when the mouse blinker moves from one position to another on the window, the blinker is first redrawn in the position it occupies using w:alu-xor (this erases the blinker), and the blinker is then drawn at the next position.

It is recommended that you use w:alu-add in place of w:alu-xor in your applications regardless of whether you are using a monochrome or color system because this will help in porting applications from monochrome to color.

ALU	Argu	ment	and
Expa	nded	Name	е

Input, Screen, Result

Description

w:alu-andca (w:alu-back) And-with-complement







Turns pixels off if the input is on; otherwise, w:alu-andca has no effect on the pixels. This is the w:erase-aluf for most windows. w:alu-andca is useful for erasing areas on the window, particular characters, or graphics.

It is recommended that you use w:alu-back in place of w:alu-andca in your applications regardless of whether you are using a monochrome or color system because this will help in porting applications from monochrome to color.

w:alu-setz Set-to-zero



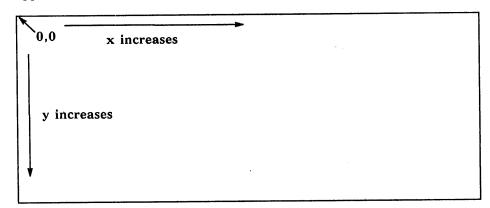




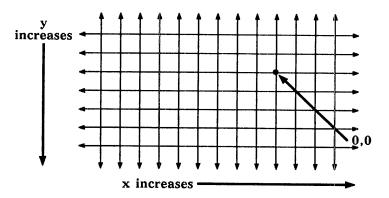
Turns off any pixel on the window.

## Windows and Worlds

12.3 Graphic images are drawn on the video display using either window coordinates or world coordinates, depending on the functions or methods used to draw the image. Window coordinates are pixel locations on the video display, with the origin of the window coordinate system being the outside upper left corner of the main screen.



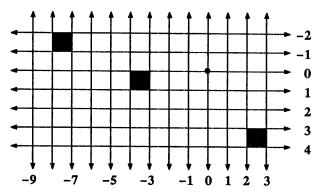
World coordinates, on the other hand, refer to an infinite, two-dimensional plane that can contain graphic objects. World coordinates are arbitrary units, such as inches, feet, centimeters, foobars, and so on, determined by the programmer or user. The *orientation* of the world determines the direction the units increase. World orientation is the same as window orientation. The *precision* of a world determines whether the dimensions of an object must consist of whole-unit increments or whether the dimensions can be in smaller units. (Basically, whether all points are specified by integers or whether you can use floating-point numbers.) For example, consider the following representation of a world with its origin slightly off-center. Its orientation is the same as the orientation of a window.



The contents of a world are contained in a picture list, sometimes called a display list. This picture list is simply a list of all the objects in the world.

To display the contents of a world, you use a window. A window gives a limited view of a world; it literally provides a window in which you can see the contents of the world. Each window is associated with only one world; a world, however, can have several windows that show portions of it. The coordinates of a window can be transformed into the coordinates of a world by using various methods and flavors.

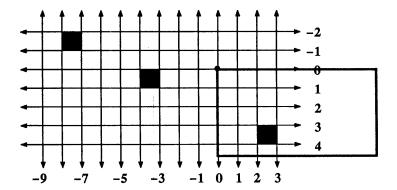
Suppose the following representation of a world is measured in centimeters and that a one-centimeter square has its upper left corner located at (2,3) centimeters from the origin of the world. Other squares are located with their upper left corners at (-8,-2) and (-4,0), respectively. Thus, this world's picture list includes three squares.



The position of the square on a window is determined by the transformations—that is, on where the window is in relation to the origin of the world, and what relation each world unit has to the pixels on the window.

#### Suppose you set:

- The origin of the window at the origin of the world
- Both the x and y coordinates to be 1 centimeter equal to 100 pixels
- The orientation to be the same between the world and the window

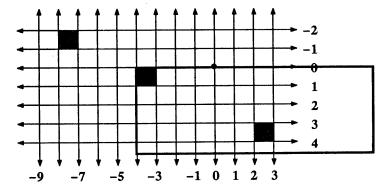


Thus, the window would appear similar to the following. The one square that appears has its upper left corner at world coordinates (2,3) and at window coordinates (200,300). The other squares still exist in the world, but are not displayed on the window.



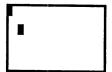
However, suppose you set:

- $\blacksquare$  The origin of the window at the world coordinate (-4,0)
- The x coordinate to be 1 centimeter equal to 50 pixels
- The y coordinate to be 1 centimeter equal to 100 pixels
- The orientation to be the same between the world and the window



Thus, the window would appear similar to the following. Two images appear in the window, but they are now rectangles (100 pixels high and 50 pixels wide). One square appears at window coordinates (0,0); the other appears at

window coordinates (100, 300). The other square exists in the world, but it is not displayed on the window.



The GWIN package provides the functionality for manipulating a world. Before you can use the capabilities provided by a world, you must load the GWIN package. See paragraph 12.6, Using Graphic Objects; paragraph 12.7, Functions Used with Graphic Objects; and paragraph 12.8, General Flavors Used With Graphic Objects.

#### Methods and Flavors to Draw Graphic Images

12.4 The following paragraphs discuss methods that create graphic images. Flavors define these methods, and the send function can be used to execute these methods. The following example shows how a send function appears:

```
(send window-instance : draw-line args)
```

#### where:

window-instance is an instance of the window flavor, such as w:window.

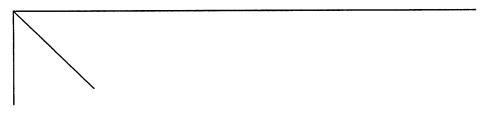
args are the arguments required for the line drawing method. The following code draws a line on a window from the coordinates 0,0 to 100,100.

The first nine lines of code define the draw-a-line function, which is invoked in the last line of code and passes parameters to the :draw-line method. The parameters passed are 0, 0, 100, and 100; these correspond to the from-x, from-y, to-x, and to-y arguments in the draw-a-line function definition; that is, the line is drawn from the upper left corner of the window to position 100,100 in the window.

Before draw-a-line draws the line, it makes two checks. First, draw-a-line checks to ensure that my-window exists; the second check ensures that my-window is exposed on the screen. If my-window does not exist, the draw-a-line function creates it; if my-window exists, the draw-a-line function does not have to create my-window. In either case, my-window must be exposed before draw-a-line can draw on my-window. If my-window is not exposed, the second check forces my-window to be exposed.

The code allows draw-a-line to be invoked as often as necessary to draw a graphics image and to create or expose my-window. The code prevents my-window from being created every time draw-a-line is invoked.

The last line of code produces a display similar to the following:



## Methods That Use w:graphics-mixin

12.4.1 w:graphics-mixin contains the methods used to draw graphic images on a window. These methods use a world-coordinate system that extends infinitely in two dimensions.

w:graphics-mixin draws all images similarly. All images with edges draw themselves by constructing a polyline representation of themselves and then calling :draw-polyline with this representation.

In addition to the methods that actually draw on a window, w:graphics-mixin includes:min-dot-delta and:min-nil-delta, which are used in determining whether the drawn image will be big enough to actually be worth drawing. w:graphics-mixin also includes:allow-interrupts?, which is a flag that allows the drawing of a picture list to be interruptible.

#### w:graphics-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:minimum-window

Enables a user to draw graphic images on a window.

Smallest Size 12.4.1.1 The following methods determine whether an image is large enough to be drawn.

#### :min-dot-delta min

Initialization Option of w:graphics-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: 6.

Sets the minimum size that an image can be and still be drawn in detail.

#### :min-nil-delta min

Initialization Option of w:graphics-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: 2.

Sets the minimum size that an image can be and still be drawn.

For example, suppose your world included the following image, which you call a frobboz:



:min-dot-delta sets the smallest size that the window attempts to draw the frobboz so that it is recognizable. It appears as a very small image, but still recognizable as a frobboz: \*\*.

:min-nil-delta, on the other hand, sets the smallest size that the image can be drawn and still be seen—but probably not recognizable as a frobboz:  $\bullet$ . This unrecognizable image is usually referred to as a *blob*.

Picture Lists

12.4.1.2 You can group graphic images into *picture lists*, lists of images that specify which images are to be drawn first and which are to be drawn last. Images that are drawn later can overlay and obscure images drawn earlier.

:draw-picture-list items & optional (world nil) :undraw-picture-list items

Method of w:graphics-mixin Method of w:graphics-mixin

Draws or erases, respectively, a list of graphic entities in the window. Clipping is performed on each item, and a check is done to see if the item is too small to bother drawing or undrawing in detail. The method returns t if the operation is performed without interruption; if the operation is interrupted, the method returns nil. *items* is the list of graphic entities; *world* specifies the world in which the entities are drawn.

:allow-interrupts? t-or-nil

Initialization Option of w:graphics-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets a flag that allows the drawing of a picture list to be interruptable. nil specifies that the entire picture list is to be drawn.

Methods That Draw Graphics

12.4.1.3 The following methods draw simple geometric figures on the video display. These figures include points, lines (including simple lines, dashed lines, polylines, and splines), arcs and circles, triangles, rectangles, polygons, raster images (which are drawn line by line), and strings.

In most cases, you should specify points for the figures in world coordinates. Exceptions to this are the :point and :draw-point methods, which take window coordinates. Most of these methods include several arguments in common:

thickness — The width of the edge in world coordinate units. This argument is not used for methods that draw filled images. You can specify a thickness so large that the image appears to be filled. The default is 1.

color — The color of the image drawn (for filled images) or the color of the edges of the image drawn (for images that are not filled). In a monochrome environment, the color argument serves as an index into a table of patterns that are various dithered shades of gray. Table 12-1 lists the possible values.

In a color environment, the color argument is the value or name of a color in the color map. An example of a name is w:green. The system-defined color names are listed in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map Table.

In a monochrome environment, the default color is black. In a color environment, the default color is the value of w:sheet-foreground-color (the foreground color of the window to which you are drawing).

The following variable can be used as the value of the color argument:

#### w:\*default-foreground\*

Variable

The default foreground color of a window. The default value of this variable is black (8).

alu — The ALU used to draw the image on the screen. Table 12-2 lists several values for alu. (For information on the additional color ALUs, refer to paragraph 19.6, Color ALU Functions.) You can use either the symbolic name, such as w:combine, or the logical name, such as w:alutransp. It is highly recommended that you use symbolic names because this will help in porting applications to color.

The default for all the methods is w:normal, which is w:alu-seta on both monochrome and color systems.

- texture An array suitable for bitblting to the screen, such as the gray patterns in a monchrome environment. (Refer to paragraph 12.4.2, Bit Block Transferring, for more information on arrays that can be copied or merged by using the bitblt function.) In a color environment, the type of array determines how the texture appears:
  - If the array is a one-bit array, the texture appears in the foreground and background color and is affected by the current pixel values and the *alu* argument.
  - If the array is an eight-bit array, each eight-bit element of the array is treated as a color, the *color* argument is ignored, and the resultant screen display is a function of the contents of the texture array, current pixel values, and the *alu* operation.

A set of predefined textures is contained in the global array w:\*textures\*. You can view these textures by using the w:select-texture-with-mouse function. This function returns the index into the w:\*textures\* array for the selected texture. The default is nil. The following shows an example:

(send w:selected-window :draw-filled-rectangle 50 50 100 100 w:red w:normal t (aref w:\*textures\* 27))

The following variable can be used as the value of the texture argument:

#### w:\*default-texture\*

Variable

The default texture, or stipple pattern, used for an image on the screen. The value of this variable must be an array (or nil). The default value is nil.

**Table 12-1** 

Color Values for Graphic Methods for Monochrome Environments			
Value % Gray		Screen Representation	
8, w:black	Black	100%-bTack	
7, w:88%-gray-color	88% gray	88X-gray	
6, w:75%-gray-color	75% gray	75%-gray	
5, w:66%-gray-color	66% gray	66%-gray	
4, w:50%-gray-color	50% gray	58%-gray	
3, w:33%-gray-color	33% gray	aut atring	
2, w:25%-gray-color	25% gray	fext string 25%-gray	
1, w:12%-gray-color	12% gray	fext string	
0, w:white	White	Text string	
nil	No color, transparent		

#### Note:

Do not confuse the names of the values, such as w:12%-gray-color, with the names of textures, such as w:12%-gray. The value names are integers; the texture names are arrays. (Refer to the w:make-gray function in paragraph 12.4.2, Bit Block Transferring, for a list of texture names.)

#### **Table 12-2**

ALU Values for Graphic Methods			
Graphics Window System	W Package in Monochrome Environment	W Package in Color Environment	
w:opposite <sup>1</sup> w:combine <sup>1</sup> w:normal <sup>1</sup> w:erase <sup>1</sup>	w:alu-xor w:alu-transp <sup>2</sup> w:alu-seta w:alu-back <sup>3</sup>	w:alu-transp w:alu-back	

#### Note:

- <sup>1</sup> It is highly recommended that you use symbolic names, such as w:combine, instead of logical names, such as w:alu-transp, because this will help to remain compatible with future Explorer systems.
- <sup>2</sup> w:alu-transp can be used on both color and monochrome systems; it performs the same operation as w:alu-ior on a monochrome system.
- <sup>3</sup> w:alu-back can be used on both color and monochrome systems; it performs the same operation as w:alu-andca on a monochrome system.

#### :point x y

#### Method of w:graphics-mixin

Returns two values for the pixel located at the window coordinates specified by x and y. If the coordinates are outside the interior of the window, the returned values are 0 and nil; in other words, clipping causes a pixel to have a value of 0 and nil.

■ In a monochrome environment, the first value is either 0 or 1, specifying whether the pixel is on or off.

In a color environment, the first value is to ensure compatibility with existing software written for monochrome systems. This value is 0 if the pixel is currently the same color as the window's background color. If the pixel is any color other than the background color, 1 is returned.

■ The second value returned is nil on a monchrome system, or on a color system the eight-bit color value of the pixel is returned.

#### :draw-point x y &optional alu color

#### Method of w:graphics-mixin

Draws a pixel at the window coordinates specified by x and y: :draw-point combines the new value with the existing window pixel value at the specified coordinates according to alu. alu defaults to the value of the w:char-aluf instance variable for the window. Refer to the beginning of paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics, for details on the color argument.

#### :draw-line from-x from-y to-x to-y

Method of w:graphics-mixin

&optional (thickness 1) color (alu w:normal)
(draw-end-point t) (texture w:\*default-texture\*)

Draws a line between from-x, from-y and to-x,to-y with the specified thickness. This line is actually a rectangle that is rotated and centered along the line. draw-end-point determines whether the end point is drawn. If several connecting lines are to be drawn, specifying nil for draw-end-point draws the connecting points correctly. Refer to the beginning of paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics, for details on the color argument.

```
:draw-dashed-line x0 y0 x1 y1 Method of w:graphics-mixin & optional (thickness 1) color (alu w:normal) (dash-spacing 20) space-literally-p (offset 0) (dash-length (floor dash-spacing 2)) (texture w:*default-texture*)
```

Draws a dashed line between x0,y0 and x1,y1 of the specified thickness. dash-spacing is the distance, in pixels, from the beginning of a dash to the end of the space following the dash. space-literally-p determines whether to adjust the spacing between the dashes. If space-literally-p is nil (the default), the spacing is adjusted so that the dashes fit evenly into the length of the line. If space-literally-p is non-nil, the dashes are spaced exactly as specified, even though the line may end in the spacing between dashes. The example shows the effect of space-literally-p.

offset is how far, in pixels, from x0,y0 the first dash starts and how soon before x1,y1 the last dash ends. If offset is 0, the first dash starts on x0,y0, and the last dash ends on x1,y1. The offset is specified as the number of pixels.

dash-length is the actual length of the dash. If dash-length is not specified, the default dash length is half the value specified by dash-spacing.

Refer to the beginning of paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics, for details on the *color* argument.

The following code defines a function that draws a dashed line.

```
(defun draw-dashed-line (from-x from-y to-x to-y space-literally-p)
  (declare (special my-window))
  (unless (boundp 'my-window)
        (setq my-window (make-instance 'w:window)))
  (if (not (send my-window :exposed-p))
        (send my-window :expose))
  (send my-window :draw-dashed-line from-x from-y to-x to-y 1 w:black
        w:normal 22. space-literally-p)
)

(progn
    (draw-dashed-line 10 100 500 100 t)
    (draw-dashed-line 10 110 500 110 nil))
```

:draw-polyline x-points y-points

Method of w:graphics-mixin

```
&optional (thickness 1) color (num-points (min (length x-points) (length y-points)) (alu w:normal) (draw-end-point t) (texture w:*default-texture*)
```

Draws a polyline with a thickness. A polyline is actually a sequence of lines connected together. x-points and y-points are arrays of coordinates. numpoints specifies the number of points to actually draw. If num-points is smaller than the length of x-points or y-points, only the first num-points points are used. If num-points is larger than the length of x-points or y-points (that is, if you specify fewer points in the array than you specify to use), the result is indeterminate.

draw-end-point determines whether the end point is drawn. If several connecting lines are to be drawn, specifying nil for draw-end-point draws the connecting points correctly. (Refer to the beginning of paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics, for details on the color argument.)

For example, the following code produces a display similar to:



Note that, in the following case, the star is not closed because the code only used 10 of the available 11 points.



```
:draw-arc x-center y-center x-start y-start
& optional (arc-angle 360) (thickness 1)
color (alu w:normal) (num-points 29)
(texture w:*default-texture*)

:draw-filled-arc x-center y-center x-start y-start
& optional (arc-angle 360) color
(alu w:normal) (num-points 29) (draw-edge t)
(texture w:*default-texture*)
```

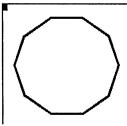
Draws an arc (a portion of a circle) with its center at center-x, center-y, beginning at point x-start, y-start and continuing for arc-angle degrees. :draw-arc draws a hollow arc with an edge of thickness. :draw-filled-arc draws a solid, filled-in arc. If draw-edge is nil, the method does not draw the edges. numpoints is the number of points used to draw the arc. Refer to the beginning of paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics, for details on the color argument.

```
:draw-circle x-center y-center radius
& optional (thickness 1)
color (alu w:normal) (num-points 29)
(texture w:*default-texture*)

:draw-filled-circle x-center y-center radius
& optional color (alu w:normal)
(num-points 29) (draw-edge t) (texture w:*default-texture*)
```

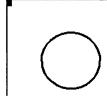
Draws a circle with its center at center-x and center-y, with a radius of radius. :draw-circle draws a hollow circle with an edge of thickness. :draw-filled-circle draws a solid, filled-in circle. If draw-edge is nil, :draw-filled-circle does not draw the edges. num-points is the number of points used to draw the arc. Refer to the beginning of paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics, for details on the color argument.

(draw-circle 100 100 80 10)



Compare the smoothness of the following figure, drawn with 30 points, with the angularity of the preceding figure, drawn with only 10 points.

(draw-circle 100 100 45 30)



:draw-triangle x1 y1 x2 y2 x3 y3

Method of w:graphics-mixin

&optional (thickness 1) color (alu w:normal)

(texture w:\*default-texture\*)

Method of w:graphics-mixin

:draw-filled-triangle x1 y1 x2 y2 x3 y3

&optional color (alu w:normal)
(draw-third-edge nil) (draw-second-edge t) (draw-first-edge t)
(texture w:\*default-texture\*)

Draws a triangle with vertices at x1,y1; x2,y2; and x3,y3. :draw-triangle draws a hollow triangle with an edge of thickness. :draw-filled-triangle draws a solid, filled-in triangle. draw-third-edge, draw-second-edge, and draw-first-edge specify whether to draw the respective edges. If one of these arguments is nil, that edge is not drawn. Whether an edge is drawn is only important when you are drawing triangles whose edges overlap and when you

are using an alu value of w:opposite. Refer to the beginning of paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics, for details on the color argument.

(defun draw-filled-triangle (x1 y1 x2 y2 x3 y3 draw-third-edge draw-second-edge draw-first-edge alu) (declare (special my-window)) (unless (boundp 'my-window)

```
(send my-window :draw-filled-triangle x1 y1 x2 y2 x3 y3
w:black alu draw-third-edge
draw-second-edge draw-first-edge)
```

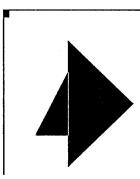
(setq my-window (make-instance 'w:window)))

(if (not (send my-window :exposed-p))

(send my-window :expose))

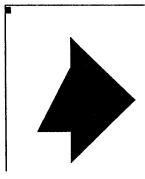
The following example shows the problem that can be caused when you draw with triangles with overlapping edges with an ALU value of w:opposite. Note that, where the edges overlap, a one-pixel wide gap is left.

```
(progn
  (draw-filled-triangle 100 100 100 200 50 200 t t t w:opposite)
  (draw-filled-triangle 100 50 100 250 200 150 t t t w:opposite))
```



When you specify *not* to draw the first edge of the second triangle, this gap is closed. (You could achieve the same result by not drawing the third edge of the first triangle.)

```
(progn
  (draw-filled-triangle 100 100 100 200 50 200 t t t w:opposite)
  (draw-filled-triangle 100 50 100 250 200 150 t t nil w:opposite))
```



:draw-rectangle left top r-width r-height

&optional (thickness 1)

color (alu w:normal)

(texture w:\*default-texture\*)
:draw-filled-rectangle left top r-width r-height

\*\*Rectangle left top r-width r-height & optional color (alu w:normal)

(draw-edge t) (texture w:\*default-texture\*)

Method of w:graphics-mixin

Method of w:graphics-mixin

Draws a rectangle with its upper left corner at *left*,top, whose width is *r-width*, and whose height is *r-height*. The sides of the rectangle are always parallel to the window edges. :draw-rectangle draws a hollow rectangle with an edge of *thickness*. :draw-filled-rectangle draws a solid, filled-in rectangle. If *draw-edge* is nil, :draw-filled-rectangle does not draw the edges. Refer to the beginning of paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics, for details on the *color* argument.

```
:draw-regular-polygon x1 y1 x2 y2 n
```

Method of w:graphics-mixin

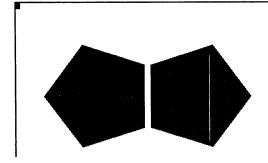
&optional color (alu w:normal)
(draw-edge t) (texture w:\*default-texture\*)

Draws a solid, filled-in, regular polygon of n sides with its first edge specified by the line drawn from xI,yI to x2,y2. Because the polygon is regular, all sides are the same length, and all interior angles are equal. The sign of n determines which side of the line the figure is drawn on. If n is positive, :draw-regular-polygon draws the polygon in a clockwise direction. If n is negative, :draw-regular-polygon draws the polygon in a counterclockwise direction. For example, if the value of n is positive, :draw-regular-polygon starts at the xI,yI window coordinates and draws a line to x2,y2; then :draw-regular-polygon turns in a clockwise direction and draws the next side. Alternately, if the value of n is negative, :draw-regular-polygon turns in a counterclockwise direction before drawing the next side of a polygon. (Refer to the beginning of paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics, for details on the color argument.)

The following example defines a function that draws two regular polygons: one is drawn with a positive value for n; the other uses a negative value for n.

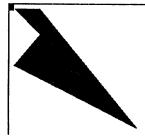
```
(defun draw-polygon (x1 y1 x2 y2 n-sides)
  (declare (special my-window))
  (unless (boundp 'my-window)
     (setq my-window (make-instance 'w:window)))
  (if (not (send my-window :exposed-p))
     (send my-window :expose))
  (send my-window :draw-regular-polygon x1 y1 x2 y2 n-sides))

(progn
  (draw-polygon 200. 100. 200. 200. 5)
  (draw-polygon 210. 100. 210. 200. -5))
```

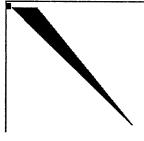


:draw-filled-polygon x-center y-center x-points y-points Method of w:graphics-mixin & optional color (num-points (min (length x-points) (length y-points)) (alu w:normal) (texture w:\*default-texture\*)

Draws a solid, filled-in convex polygon that is not necessarily regular. This polygon has no inward pointing vertices and is solid from the center point to the edges between the vertices. The center of the polygon is at x-center, y-center. The x-points and y-points arguments are arrays of x or y coordinates, respectively, that specify the vertices of the polygon. num-points specifies the number of points to actually draw. If num-points is smaller than the length of x-points or y-points, only the first num-points points are used. If num-points is larger than the length of x-points or y-points (that is, if you specify fewer points in the array than you specify to use), the result is indeterminate. (Refer to the beginning of paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics, for details on the color argument.)



Compare the preceding figure with the following figure; the difference is caused by specifying a different number of points to use from the array.



```
:draw-string font text x y
&optional color
(left 0) (tab 8) (scale 1) alu
```

Draws a string of text (text) in the specified font. font must be a graphics font object (a raster font); that is, font must be one of the fonts listed in the w:\*font-list\* variable. left sets the left margin (the x position that the cursor returns to after a line feed). tab is the number of spaces used to determine the amount of space that the text moves when you press the TAB key. scale is an inverse scaling factor that determines the size that the text is drawn. With scale 1, the text prints at its normal size. With scale 2, the text prints at half its normal size. With scale .5, the text prints at twice its normal size. The alu argument defaults to the value of the w:char-aluf instance variable for the window. Refer to the beginning of paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics, for details on the color argument.

```
This is a full-sized string (scale = 1). Thus us a holf-sized string (scale - 2).
```

# This is a double-sized (scale = 0.5).

:draw-raster x y raster start-x start-y r-width r-height & Method of w:graphics-mixin & & optional color (alu w:normal)

Draws a a raster image in the window by copying the pixel data. This is just like a bitblt operation except that the starting location is in world coordinates, and the image is clipped to the window edges.

x and y are the dimensions of the rectangle to be copied; raster is the twodimensional array from which :draw-raster copies the bits to the window. start-x, start-y specifies the subscripts of the array being copied, that is, the upper left corner of the rectangle to be copied. r-width and r-height are the window coordinates for the upper left corner where the raster image is to be copied. Refer to the beginning of paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics, for details on the color argument.

The following code draws fills an area of the screen from 100,100 to 500,500 with copies of the bit array in sys:mouse-cursor-pattern. In the Zmacs editor, this array is a pattern of northeast arrows. To redisplay the previous contents of the screen, select Refresh from the System menu.

```
(send w:selected-window:draw-raster 32 32
sys:mouse-cursor-pattern 100 100 500 200)
```

:draw-cubic-spline px py z

Method of w:graphics-mixin

&optional (thickness 1) color (alu w:normal)
(c1:relaxed) (c2 c1) p1-prime-x p1-prime-y pn-prime-x pn-prime-y
(texture w:\*default-texture\*)

Draws a cubic spline curve that passes through a sequence of points called *knots*. The :draw-cubic-spline method draws a smooth-line curve through the knots; this method is different from :draw-polyline, which draws lines to connect points. (Refer to the beginning of paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics, for details on the *color* argument.)

Arguments:

px, py — Arrays that contain the window coordinates for the points the curve connects. The number of points is determined by the length of px.

Because there are no derivatives for the end points, you can specify the boundary conditions for these points. The c1 and c2 arguments determine the boundary conditions for the starting and ending points, respectively.

- z The number of computed knots to use when drawing the curved line between each px,py pair. The :draw-cubic-spline method uses these computed knots to draw the curved line between each px,py point.
- c1, c2 How the :draw-cubic-spline method specifies the derivative at the end points. The possible values for c1 and c2 are :relaxed, :clamped, :cyclic, and :anti-cyclic:
  - **relaxed** makes the derivative at this point 0.
  - :clamped allows the caller to specify the derivative. The arguments p1-prime-x and p1-prime-y specify the derivative at the starting point and are used only when c1 is :clamped. The pn-prime-x and pn-prime-y arguments specify the derivative at the ending point and are used only if c2 is :clamped.
  - **The** pl-prime-x and pl-prime-y arguments determine the derivatives. If cl is specified as :cyclic, then cl is ignored. If you use :cyclic to draw a closed curve through n points, then the px and py arrays must contain n + l points. The first and last points in the px and py arrays must be equal.
  - :anti-cyclic makes the derivative of the starting point the negative of the derivative of the ending point. The p1-prime-x and p1-prime-y arguments determine the derivatives. If c1 is specified as :anti-cyclic, then c2 is ignored.

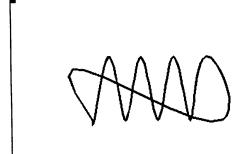
p1-prime-x, p1-prime-y — When :clamped is specified for the c1 argument, values passed to p1-prime-x and p1-prime-y specify the derivative for the starting point. If :clamped is not specified for c1, p1-prime-x and p1-prime-y are ignored.

The p1-prime-x and p1-prime-y arguments define a vector that pulls the first part of the spline in a certain direction when the spline is drawn. The vector is the same as that of a line segment between the window coordinates 0,0 and p1-prime-x,p1-prime-y. The direction of the vector is the same as that of the line segment just described. The first part of the spline is pulled in the direction of the vector, with the magnitude of the pull relative to the length of the vector. The larger the vector, the farther the spline is pulled.

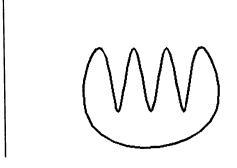
pn-prime-x, pn-prime-y — When :clamped is specified for c2, pn-prime-x and pn-prime-y specify the derivative for the ending point. If :clamped is not specified for c2, pn-prime-x and pn-prime-y are ignored.

The effects of pn-prime-x and pn-prime-y are the same as the effects of pl-prime-x and pl-prime-y, except that pn-prime-x and pn-prime-y affect the last part of the spline.

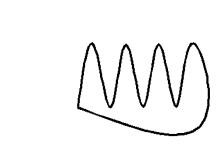
 (draw-cubic-spline 10 :cyclic nil 2 1 2 1)

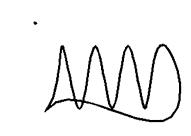


(draw-cubic-spline 10 :relaxed :relaxed 0 1 2 3)



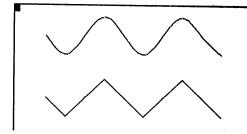
(draw-cubic-spline 10 :anti-cyclic nil 2 1 2 1)





The following code creates two lines that show the difference between how the :draw-cubic-spline and the :draw-polyline methods draw an image on a window. The :draw-cubic-spline method draws the upper image, and :draw-polyline draws the lower image.

```
(defvar x-array (make-array 10 :type 'art-q))
(defvar y-array (make-array 10 :type 'art-q))
(defun compare-spline-and-polyline ()
   "Draw a spline and then a polyline from an arbitrary
   set of x,y points."
   (declare (special my-window))
  (unless my-window
     (setq my-window (make-instance 'w:window)))
    Create x and y points.
  (dotimes (point 10)
  (aset (+ 50. (* point 30.))
  x-array point)
(aset (+ 50. (floor (* 30. (sind (* point 90.)))))
        y-array point ))
    Draw the spline.
  (if (not (send my-window :exposed-p))
    (send my-window :expose))
  (send my-window :draw-cubic-spline x-array y-array 5)
  ; Shift the y points down so we can see both images.
  (dotimes (point 10)
    (aset (+ 100. (aref y-array point)) y-array point))
   Draw the polyline.
  (if (not (send my-window :exposed-p))
    (send my-window :expose))
  (send my-window :draw-polyline x-array y-array))
(compare-spline-and-polyline)
```



#### Bit Block Transferring

12.4.2 When used in the window system, one of the arrays passed as an argument to a bitblt function is usually a window's screen array. When this is true, the array should be prepared with w:prepare-sheet. The Explorer Lisp Reference manual discusses the bitblt function in detail.

However, you can also save bit arrays in files, read them later, display them, and rotate them.

bitblt alu width height from-array from-x from-y to-array to-x to-y

Function

Copies or merges a rectangular portion of from-array to a congruent portion of to-array. The microcode requires that the width of the arrays *from-array* and *to-array* times the number of bits per element must be a multiple of 32.

bitblt does not simply copy from one array to another; the bits in *from-array* can be merged with the bits in *to-array* using *alu* to control the way the bits are combined.

If you copy a one-bit array to an eight-bit array in a color environment, the contents are properly expanded for color usage. For example, with w:normal, if a bit copied from the one-bit array is equal to 1, it is changed to the eight-bit foreground color and placed in the corresponding position in the destination eight-bit array. If the bit is equal to 0, the background color is placed in the destination array. For a discussion of one-bit to eight-bit expansion for color, refer to Section 19, Using Color.

#### Arguments:

- alu How the bits are copied onto the window, that is, whether each bit turns a pixel on or off in a monochrome environment or what the color of the pixel is in a color environment.
- width, height The dimensions of the rectangle obtained by adding the width or height to either the to-x or to-y argument.
- from-array The array from which the bits are copied. The width of this array must be a multiple of 32.
- from-x, from-y The upper left corner of the rectangle.
- to-array The array being copied to. The width of this array must be a multiple of 32.

to-x, to-y — The upper left corner in the window.

#### w:make-sheet-bit-array window x y &rest make-array-options

Function

Creates a two-dimensional array for copying bits to and from windows using the **bitblt** function. **w:make-sheet-bit-array** first creates an array with one dimension that is at least the size specified by x. If x is not an even multiple of 32, as required by the **bitblt** microcode, the dimension is increased to the next even multiple of 32 that is larger than the x argument.

The array that is created is of the same type as the window specified.

#### Arguments:

- window The screen array whose type is used to specify the type of the newly created array.
- x, y The minimum dimensions of the array.
- make-array-options The options passed to the make-array function to allow explicit control.

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:bitblt alu width height from-array from-x from-y to-x to-y

Method of w:stream-mixin

Copies a rectangle of bits from a two-dimensional array onto the window. The :bitblt method differs from the bitblt function in that the :bitblt method performs clipping; the bitblt function does not.

Arguments:

alu — The ALU argument used to copy the bits onto the window, that is, whether each bit turns a pixel on or off in a monochrome environment or what the color of the pixel is in a color environment..

width, height - The dimensions of the rectangle.

from-array — The two-dimensional array from which the :bitblt method copies the bits to the window.

If the array specified by the *from-array* argument is too small, it is replicated automatically; the *Explorer Lisp Reference* manual discusses this special case with its description of the **bitblt** function.

from-x, from-y — The upper left corner of the rectangle to be copied. The from-x and from-y arguments are the subscripts for that corner.

to-x, to-y — The upper left corner in the window. The to-x and to-y arguments are the window coordinates for that corner. The window coordinates of to-x and to-y correspond to the subscripts for from-x and from-y.

:bitblt-from-sheet alu width height from-x from-y to-array to-x to-y

Method of w:stream-mixin

Like the :bitblt method, except that :bitblt-from-sheet sends data in the opposite direction. :bitblt-from-sheet copies data from the window to the to-array. All other arguments operate the same as with the :bitblt method.

:bitblt-within-sheet alu width height from-x from-y to-x to-y

Method of w:stream-mixin

Like the :bitblt method, except that :bitblt-within-sheet copies data from one location to another on the window.

The order in which values are copied is important because the two rectangles may overlap. When the value of width is negative, the array is copied in reverse. The copying begins with the last column in the array and ends with the first column of the array. When height is negative, :bitblt-within-sheet performs a similar action for the subscripts.

w:make-gray height width &rest rows

**Function** 

Returns a bitblt array containing a specified shade of gray (also called texture or stipple pattern) for fill patterns. The pattern's size is *height* by *width*. *width* must be 8 or less; *height* is a multiple of *width* and *height* must be a multiple of 32. *rows* is a list of numbers, each of which describes one row of the pattern, one octal digit per pixel, left to right. For example:

(w:make-gray 4 4 #01010 #01111 #00011 #00101)

The named shades of gray that are defined by the system are the following:

w:100%-black	w:66%-gray	w:25%-gray	
w:88%-gray	w:50%-gray	w:12%-gray	
w:75%-gray	w:33%-gray	w: 100%-white	

Examples of these shades are shown in Table 12-1. The global array w:\*textures\* contains several other shades. You can view these textures by using the w:select-texture-with-mouse function. This function returns the index into the w:\*textures\* array for the selected texture. The default is nil.

NOTE: Do not confuse the names of the textures, such as w:12%-gray, with the names of color values, such as w:12%-gray-color. The texture names are arrays; the value names are integers.

#### w:mouse-save-image pathname

**Function** 

Saves a rectangular image specified by the mouse to *pathname*. This function prompts the user to specify an upper left corner and a lower right corner of a rectangle on the video display to be saved.

#### w:write-bit-array-file pathname array

Function

```
&optional (width (array-dimension array 1)) (height (array-dimension array 0)) (x 0) (y 0)
```

Writes a bitmap to disk in a format that can be read quickly. *pathname* is the file in which to save the bitmap. *array* contains the bitmap with dimensions width and height. x and y are offsets into the array that specify the upper left corner of the image to save.

#### w:read-bit-array-file pathname

Function

Reads a bit array from the file specified by pathname. w:read-bit-array-file returns three values: the bitmap and its width and height.

#### w:show-bit-array bitmap

Function

```
&key (:window nil) (:increment 100.)
```

Displays a bit array specified by bitmap on the window specified by the argument to :window. If :window is not specified, the array is displayed on the currently selected window. When bitmap is displayed, it obscures the entire contents of :window except for blinkers that are actively blinking. To redisplay the selected window, press any alphanumeric key. If :window does not have a bit-save array, its contents are lost. The user can move the bitmap image in steps of :increment (by default, 100 pixels) by pressing one of the arrow keys.

This function is primarily used for developing applications that use bitmaps rather than actually displaying bitmaps. If you want to display a bitmap on a window, you should use one of the **bitblt** methods or functions.

The w:show-bit-array function returns the x,y location of the upper left corner of the image after the user has moved it.

You can print bit-arrays with the print-bitmap and the print-bitmap-and-wait functions described in the Explorer Input/Output Reference manual.

The following functions rotate bit arrays. These rotations require a number of computations and may require a few moments to complete.

```
w:rotate-90 from-array to-array
```

**Function** 

&optional (width (array-dimension from-array 1)) (height (array-dimension from-array 0)) (from-x 0) (from-y 0) (to-x 0) (to-y 0)

Copies and rotates a bitmap clockwise 90 degrees. from-array is the original bitmap, which is of dimensions width and height; to-array is the rotated bitmap. from-array and to-array must be separate arrays. from-x and from-y specify the index into the array. to-x and to-y specify the index into the array.

w:rotate-180 from-array to-array w:rotate-270 from-array to-array

Function Function

Copies and rotates a bitmap clockwise 180 degrees or 270 degrees, respectively.

For example, suppose the video display appears as follows:

Suppose you save about a fourth of the image in a file by evaluating the following code and clicking left to determine the upper left and lower right corners of the image to be saved. Then, read the bit-array in the file into a variable and display it. Press the space bar or CLEAR SCREEN to redisplay the original contents of the screen. Note that the following sample screens were produced by evaluating the code in a Zmacs buffer.

The following code creates an array to hold the rotated bit-array, rotates the array, and displays it. Note that, for the 180-degree rotation, the dimensions of the array are reversed; for the 90- and 270-degree rotations, the dimensions of the final array are the same as of the initial array.

```
(w:read-bit-array-file "mh:webb;image.bitmap"))

iu:Show-bit-array bitmap)

setq bitmap90

(w:make-sheet-bit-array w:selected-window

(rirst (array-dimensions bitmap)))

(w:rotate-90 bitmap bitmap90)

iw:rotate-90 bitmap bitmap90)

iw:show-bit-array bitmap90)

setq bitmap100

(w:make-sheet-bit-array w:selected-window; Note that the di

(second (array-dimensions bitmap)))

(second (array-dimensions bitmap)))

(first (array-dimensions bitmap)))
```

Press the space bar or CLEAR SCREEN to redisplay the original contents of the video display.

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Similarly, for the 90-degree and 270-degree rotations, the following code produces the figures below:

```
(setq bitmap270
   (w:make-sheet-bit-array
        w:selected-window
      (first (array-dimensions bitmap))
      (second (array-dimensions bitmap))))
(w:rotate-270 bitmap bitmap270)
(w:show-bit-array bitmap270)
```

(setq bitmap   (u:read-bit-arfay-file "mh:uebb;image.bitmap"))   (u:shnu-hit-arrau hitman)
D <sub>0</sub>
<pre>(Ilrst (array-dimensions bitmap))   (u:rotate-90 bitmap bitmap90)   (u:show-bit-array bitmap90)</pre>
(setq bitmap180 (w.make-sheet-bit-array w.selected-window ; Note that the di
(first (array-dimensions bitmap))) (furchiate-180 hitman hitman180)

Press the space bar or CLEAR SCREEN to redisplay the original contents of the video display.

#### Drawing Graphic Images Using Subprimitives

12.5 Graphics are usually drawn on a window by sending messages to the window. However, this operation involves some overhead. If your application requires more speed than is provided by the normal procedure, you can write your own methods to perform graphics methods. Using these or any subprimitives in an application program is discouraged.

New methods must be associated with a flavor. For graphics, you should associate the new method with a mixin flavor. Mixin flavors use other methods for primitive methods and inherit attributes from other flavors. The following code shows a mixin flavor that is built from the w:essential-window flavor.

This code defines circus-mixin as the mixin that contains the new methods, so that you can create a window. The variable barnum-and-bailey contains an instance of the window.

When you define primitive output methods, use the graphics subprimitives, such as sys:%draw-character, rather than methods described in other sections of this manual. Subprimitives contain minimal error-checking procedures, so you should invoke subprimitives from window methods that first perform error checking and then invoke the subprimitive.

Additionally, graphics subprimitives should be used only within the body of the w:prepare-sheet macro. Using graphics subprimitives elsewhere does not ensure that the window is locked, and the image may be corrupted by other output.

CAUTION: Because all interrupts are off, extreme care must be taken in writing the body of w:prepare-sheet. You should provide some way to control execution time in case you inadvertently send the computer into an infinite loop.

Unlike methods, microcode subprimitives use coordinates that are relative to the outside of the window.

**NOTE:** These subprimitives may change in future releases. If you use these subprimitives, you should ensure that you can find these and update your code as necessary.

Also note that the subprimitives do not take a color argument. Color programming is obtained by the proper manipulation of the CSIB hardware and/or source array arguments to the drawing primitives. If you use a lot of subprimitives when developing code for a monochrome system, moving to a color system is more tedious.

Another place you can use subprimitives is inside the :blink method of a blinker. The :blink method always uses a suitable environment for calling subprimitives, including interrupts being turned off. Because :blink uses the

XOR ALU to draw blinkers, it does not matter whether other blinkers are present.

Preparing the Sheet

12.5.1 Before you use any of the subprimitives for drawing, you should prepare the sheet using the following macro.

w:prepare-sheet (window-instance) body

Macro

Provides a safe environment for drawing on a window. The w:prepare-sheet macro first waits until the window's output-hold flag is clear, then opens, or turns off, all blinkers so that they do not interfere with the output. Next, w:prepare-sheet turns off all interrupts so that the window remains unlocked and the blinkers remain open. Finally, after the body completes execution, interrupts are turned back on and the blinkers return to their initial state.

Arguments:

window-instance — The instance of the window on which the subprimitive is to draw an image. If you use w:prepare-sheet within the definition of a window-oriented method, the window instance can be specified as self.

body — The Lisp code to be executed. The w:prepare-sheet macro initializes a special environment that exists when body executes. body contains the Lisp code that invokes the subprimitive, and possibly other code as well.

## Defining the Clipping Rectangle for Drawing

12.5.2 The subprimitives draw only within the array bounds of the destination array. Normally this array is the entire window. You can, however, specify an array—a rectangular portion of the window—that is smaller than the entire window. For example, you can specify that the subprimitives can only draw to the area within the inner edges of the window. Images that would appear outside the array are *clipped*, that is, are truncated without warning. You specify such a rectangle with the w:with-clipping-rectangle macro.

#### w:with-clipping-rectangle (left top right bottom) body

Macro

Executes body with the clipping rectangle variables bound to left, top, right, and bottom; the variables are restored when the macro exits body. These arguments are outside edge coordinates; they must be integers. If you attempt to draw outside the rectangle defined by left, top, right, and bottom, the microcode clips (discards) any output that would appear outside the rectangle.

sys:clipping-rectangle-left-edge sys:clipping-rectangle-top-edge sys:clipping-rectangle-right-edge sys:clipping-rectangle-bottom-edge Variable Variable Variable Variable

The edges that define the rectangle that can actually be drawn upon.

### Subprimitives for Drawing

12.5.3 Some of these subprimitives can accept an array or a window. In window system applications, the argument is usually a window, but any suitable two-dimensional numeric array will do. Any window must be prepared by using w:prepare-sheet before it is used with subprimitives. If the window is not so prepared, an error is signaled.

sys:%draw-character font char char-width x y alu window-or-array

**Function** 

Draws char of font on window-or-array using alu. font should be a standard Explorer system font, such as fonts:cptfont. The upper left corner of char begins at (x,y). x and y are relative to window-or-array's outside edges. char must have a width less than or equal to 32.

char-width specifies the width of the character to draw. If char-width is narrower than the actual width of the character, the character is truncated on the right. In most cases, you should use either the character width returned for that character by w:font-char-width-table, or, if the table is nil, the width returned by w:font-char-width.

To print a string of characters, you can use repeated calls to sys: %draw-character.

sys:%draw-character does not use the indexing table for a wide font, so when this function is used on a wide font, the character specified by *char* is not the character you want to draw. For most purposes, you should use w:draw-char rather than sys:%draw-character.

sys:%draw-rectangle width height x-bitpos y-bitpos alu window-or-array

Function

Draws a filled, black rectangle of size width by height using alu on window-or-array. The upper left corner of the rectangle corresponds to the coordinates x-bitpos, y-bitpos relative to the upper left corner of the window (or array). To get a rectangle with a different fill color, use sys:%draw-shaded-triangle or sys:%draw-shaded-raster-line.

sys:%draw-line x1 y1 x2 y2 alu draw-end-point-p window-or-array

**Function** 

Draws a line from the window coordinates x1,y1 to x2,y2 on window-or-array using alu. The end point (x2,y2) is drawn only if draw-end-point-p is non-nil.

sys:%draw-shaded-raster-line x1 x2 y alu draw-last-point shade window-or-array

Function

Draws a line one pixel high from the window coordinates x1,y to x2,y on window-or-array using alu and fill color shade. The end point (x2,y) is drawn only if draw-last-point is non-nil. shade must be a two-dimensional array of bits that bitblt can replicate; the array's width must be a multiple of 32. Possible values include w:100%-black, w:12%-gray, w:75%-gray, and so on, and those in w:\*textures\*.

This function is useful for drawing images that are not easily created from the other subprimitives, such as filled ellipses.

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sys:%draw-shaded-triangle x1 y1 x2 y2 x3 y3 alu draw-first-edge draw-second-edge draw-third-edge shade window-or-array

**Function** 

Draws a triangle with the vertices at the specified coordinates on window-or-array using alu and fill color shade. shade must be a two-dimensional array of bits that bitblt can replicate; the array's width must be a multiple of 32. Possible values include w:100%-black, w:12%-gray, w:75%-gray, and so on, and those in w:\*textures\*.

The first edge connects x1,y1 and x2,y2; the second edge connects x2,y2 and x3,y3; the third edge connects x3,y3 and x1,y1. The draw-first-edge, draw-second-edge, and draw-third-edge arguments are flags that determine whether a particular edge is drawn. t means to draw the edge; nil means not to draw the edge.

## Using Graphic Objects

12.6 Graphic objects are entities, such as rectangles, triangles, circles, or portions of text, that exist in a graphics database known as a world. Even if a graphic object is not currently drawn on the video display in a window, the object exists in memory. To display the object, you draw it rather than recreating it.

The code used to manipulate graphic objects associated with a world is contained in the GWIN package. To access the GWIN code, you must load GWIN by executing the following code:

(make-system 'GWIN :noconfirm)

This code creates the GWIN package and loads the GWIN system.

NOTE: GWIN must be loaded before you can use most of the code described through the end of this section unless they are listed as belonging to the W package.

#### Windows With Graphic Object Capabilities

12.6.1 The GWIN package includes instantiable flavors to create windows or panes that allow graphic objects: the gwin:graphics-window flavor and the gwin:graphics-window-pane. If you want to create a special window flavor that has graphics capabilities, you can use the gwin:graphics-window-mixin flavor to include the components, methods, and instance variables necessary to display the contents of a world.

Each window is associated with one world through the gwin:world instance variable.

gwin:graphics-window-mixin has three components.

**w:graphics-mixin** provides the ability to draw graphics images.

The list of graphics objects is part of the world; however, the insert methods for gwin:world flavor do not draw objects in the window. The draw methods in w:graphics-mixin draw objects in the window.

Methods for drawing each type of graphics object, for drawing a list of objects, and for undrawing a list of objects are included.

**gwin:mouse-handler-mixin** provides the ability to handle the mouse, the mouse cursor, a crosshair cursor, and a grid. The grid is a series of dots that appear on the video display to aid in accurate drawing. Points are placed on this grid (gridified) by a method in this component.

The primary difference between this component and the standard mouse handler in the window system is that this component translates between world coordinates and window coordinates.

w:transform-mixin provides the ability to transform coordinates from the world coordinate system to window coordinates. The unit for window coordinates is always pixels. The unit for world coordinates depends on the current transformation. Essentially, world coordinates are in an arbitrary unit (such as inches, pixels, centimeters, and so on).

#### **Graphic Objects**

12.6.2 As explained previously, graphic objects are the entities that you draw in the window. Each type of object has a separate flavor, but all graphics objects have a common component, gwin:basic-graphics-mixin. This component includes methods for setting edge and fill colors and the ALU function, returning the extents, and highlighting selected objects.

Circles, lines, rectangles, and triangles are the most straightforward graphics objects. With the graphics window system, you can also draw polylines, splines, and text strings. You can draw rulers to aid in drawing other objects. You can save raster objects, which are created like paintings, as bit arrays. You can also define subpictures, which are combinations of objects, for insertion into multiple worlds. You can use background pictures for templates.

#### **Graphic Characters**

12.6.3 Text objects are drawn using the graphics window flavor gwin:font. You can use the gwin:create-gwin-fonts function to turn Lisp machine fonts into graphics window system fonts.

#### **Graphic Cursors**

12.6.4 You can use the flavors and mixins for cursors in many ways; several examples are available in the graphics editor.

The mouse cursor, an instantiation of gwin:cursor, is the tracker cursor in gwin:mouse-handler-mixin. The markers that indicate selected points in the graphics editor are also instantiations of gwin:cursor. Instantiations of this flavor are always represented by a character from a font.

The mouse cursor can also have a crosshair associated with it. The crosshair is created by a method in gwin:mouse-handler-mixin that draws lines from the tracker cursor to the edges of the display.

The cursor that you use to enter the characters for text objects in the graphics editor is a gwin:block-cursor.

The blinking copy of the object that is used for Drag-Copy and Drag-Move in the graphics editor is an instantiation of gwin:sprite-cursor.

The gwin:bitblt-blinker flavor uses window coordinates instead of world coordinates.

#### Example

12.6.5 An example using the graphics window system is included in the system. Copy the file SYS:GWIN.STARTER-KIT;-READ-ME-.LISP into a Zmacs buffer, and follow the instructions.

As you evaluate the forms in this file, you will see the effects in a window at the top of the display.

# Functions Used With Graphic Objects

12.7 In general, the functions used with graphic objects either return a distance, verify a position, or perform a transformation between world and window coordinates. A few miscellaneous functions do other tasks.

### Functions That Return Distances

12.7.1 The following functions return either distances between graphic entities or the point on an entity that is nearest to a specified point.

w:dist x1 y1 x2 y2

**Function** 

Returns the distance between two points (x1, y1) and (x2, y2).

gwin:dist-from-rectangle from-x from-y left top right bottom &optional (solid? nil)

Function

Returns the distance between a point and a rectangle. If solid? is t and the point lies inside the rectangle, the returned value is negative.

gwin:dist-from-segment from-x from-y x-start y-start x-end y-end &optional delta-x delta-y length-squared

Function

Returns the distance between a point and a line segment. It also returns the coordinates of the point on the line that is closest to the specified point.

The default for *delta-x* is the difference between *x-end* and *x-start* The default for *delta-y* is the difference between *y-end* and *y-start*. The default for *length-squared* is the sum of *delta-x* squared and *delta-y* squared.

gwin:nearest-circle-pt x-point y-point x-center y-center radius

Function

Returns the x and y coordinates of the point on the circumference of the circle that is nearest the specified point. A line from the center of the circle to the specified point is defined, and the point on the line that is the radius length from the center is returned.

gwin:nearest-pt-on-arc x-point y-point radius x-center x-start y-center y-start x-end y-end gwin:nearest-rectangle-pt from-x from-y height left top width

Function

gwin:nearest-triangle-pt from-x from-y x1 y1 x2 y2 x3 y3

Function Function

Returns the x and y coordinates of the point on the specified object that is nearest to the specified point.

#### Functions That Verify Position

12.7.2 The following functions verify a position. Most return a Boolean value (t if the condition is true; nil if the condition is false). w:sector-code returns a numeric value that indicates the portion of the video display that contains the point.

### gwin:lines-intersect-p x-start1 y-start1 x-end1 y-end1 x-start2 y-start2 x-end2 y-end2

Function

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the two specified line segments intersect.

#### gwin:off-window x-point y-point window

Function

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the point is outside the window. Because the point is in world coordinates, it is first transformed to window coordinates.

#### gwin:point-in-extents-p x y left top right bottom

**Function** 

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether a point is within the specified rectangular extents.

### gwin:point-in-polygon-p x y x-points y-points &optional num-points

**Function** 

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the point is in the interior of the closed polygon.

The default for num-points is the minimum of the number of elements of x-points and y-points.

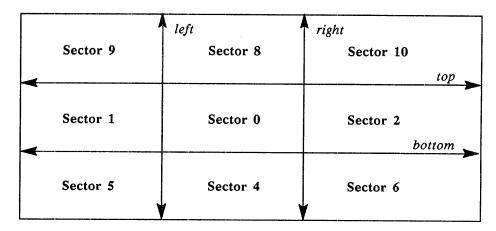
#### w:sector-code x y left top right bottom

**Function** 

Returns a bit-encoded value for the location of a point in relation to the specified rectangle. The specified rectangle is the central sector in the following figure. Each sector has a different value; the value for the sector is returned as follows:

- If the point is in a sector (that is, is not on the boundary of a sector), the value of the sector is returned.
- If the point is on the edge of the rectangle, the point is considered to be in sector 0, and 0 is returned.
- If the point is on the boundary of sector 8 but not on the boundary of sector 0, the point is considered to be in sector 8, and 8 is returned.
- If the point is on the boundary of sector 4 but not on the boundary of sector 0, the point is considered to be in sector 4, and 4 is returned.

This function uses the Cohen-Sutherland algorithm.

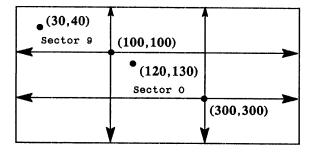


For example, consider the following graphic representation of the function call:

(w:sector-code 120 130 100 100 300 300)

(w:sector-code 30 40 100 100 300 300)

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#### Functions That Perform Transformations

12.7.3 The following functions perform transformations among window and world coordinates.

#### w:transform-point x y transform

**Function** 

Returns the transformed x and y coordinates for the specified point. The transformation is from world to window coordinates. *transform* is a 3-by-3 matrix that contains scaling, translating, and rotational information for the translating points.

#### w:untransform-deltas dx dy transform

**Function** 

Returns two transformed deltas. A *delta* is the distance between two points. Thus, this function transforms the distance between two window coordinates to the distance between two world coordinates. *transform* is a 3-by-3 matrix that contains scaling, translating, and rotational information for the translating points.

#### w:untransform-point x y transform

**Function** 

Returns the transformed x and y coordinates for the specified point. The transformation is from window to world coordinates. *transform* is a 3-by-3 matrix that contains scaling, translating, and rotational information for the translating points.

Miscellaneous Functions 12.7.4 The following functions perform miscellaneous tasks associated with graphics objects.

gwin:calculate-string-motion font text x y & optional (left 0) (tab 8) (create-scale 1)

Function

Returns the end point for a text string at the specified point as well as the minimum x and y, and the maximum x and y coordinates for the text string are returned. If the text string is drawn, you must move the cursor to the x and y coordinates returned.

w:create-w-fonts &optional (fonts-to-convert w:\*default-w-fonts\*)

**Function** 

Converts a Lisp machine font to a raster font for the graphics window system. The argument can be a single font description or a list of font descriptions. A font description has the following form:

(fonts:symbol-name w:new-symbol-name printable-name-string)

For example, the following is a font description:

(fonts:medfnb w:medfnb-font "Medium Font Bold")

The w:\*font-list\* variable (described in paragraph 12.12, Fonts and Text Objects) contains a list of all the available raster fonts.

w:determinant x y x1 y1 x2 y2

**Function** 

Returns the determinant of a matrix formed from three points. The matrix is as follows:

x	x 1	<i>x</i> 2
у	у <i>1</i>	у2
1	1	1

This determinant is also the value of the equation for the line through the points (x1, y1) and (x2, y2) when the point (x, y) is substituted.

gwin:find-corresponding-y x1 y1 x2 y2 x

Function

Finds the point-slope formula and returns the matching y-coordinate to x.

gwin:load-picture pathname

**Function** 

Loads a picture file and sets the graphics window system variable picture to the list of objects in the picture. If the picture file is invalid or if an error occurred in file handling, picture is nil.

#### print-graphics picture-file &rest options

**Function** 

&key (:printer-name sys:\*default-screen-image-printer\*) (:dots-per-inch 144.) &allow-other-keys

Prints a picture from a file. Other keywords include the following:

Keyword	Default	Description
:copies	1	The number of copies to be printed
:rotation	nil	Whether the picture will be rotated 90 degrees
:header	t	Whether a header page is printed

If you are printing a picture with colors in a color environment, this function translates the colors in the picture to stipple patterns of gray, based on values in the printer:color-to-gray-scale-table variable. For more information on this variable, refer to paragraph 19.9, Printing a Color Screen on a Monochrome Printer.

For more general information about this function, see the Explorer Input/Output Reference manual.

#### gwin:rasterize-objects window object-list

**Function** 

Draws a list of objects from window into the w:sprite-window. The gwin:rasterize-objects returns the width and height of the raster equivalent.

#### gwin:make-sprite-from-objects window object-list &rest options

Function

Creates a sprite cursor by drawing the specified graphics objects. The objects are drawn, and the resulting bitmap is saved so any further changes to the objects do not affect the sprite cursor. *window* is the window that the sprite should be displayed in. *object-list* is a list of the objects that comprise the sprite cursor.

options are initialization options for the gwin:sprite-cursor flavor. These options are passed to the :add-cursor method of gwin:graphics-window-mixin. The :array, :height, :width, and :window initialization options are passed automatically. Other options are described in paragraph 12.8.10, Sprite Cursor Flavor. For an example of using sprites, see the file SYS:GWIN.STARTER-KIT;-READ-ME-.LISP.

#### General Flavors Used With Graphic Objects

12.8 The following flavors are used, in general, to manipulate the world and windows that contain graphic objects.

#### World Flavor

12.8.1 The graphics window system uses the gwin:world flavor to create worlds for graphics objects.

#### gwin:world

Flavor

A world collects a set of graphics objects. The world is a data structure that stores a picture. A world can be saved in file form and restored from a file.

#### Parameters

12.8.1.1 The following initialization options create the default parameters for this world.

:current-alu current-alu

Initialization Option of gwin:world

Gettable, settable. Default: w:normal

Sets the ALU used by default for drawing all graphic objects in this world. Several values are given in Table 12-2, ALU Values for Graphic Methods, and in paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics. For information on ALU arguments in a color environment, refer to paragraph 19.6, Color ALU Functions.

:current-edge-color current-edge-color

Initialization Option of gwin:world

Gettable, settable. Default: w:black:current-thickness current-thickness

Initialization Option of gwin:world

Gettable, settable. Default: 2.

Sets edge color or thickness, respectively, of an object. Edge color is the color of the edge of an object; thickness is width of the edge in world coordinate units. Possible values for *current-edge-color* in a monochrome environment are given in Table 12-1, Color Values for Graphic Methods for Monochrome Environments, and in paragraph 12.4.1.3, Methods That Draw Graphics. Possible values for *color* in a color environment include the value or name of any color from the color map. The system-defined color names are given in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map Table.

:current-fill-color current-fill-color

Initialization Option of gwin:world

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets the default fill color of a graphic object. Fill color is the color within an object. current-fill-color can be any of the values listed previously for current-edge-color.

:current-font current-font

Initialization Option of gwin:world

Gettable, settable. Default: w:standard-font

Sets the default font drawn for text objects.

:current-tab-width current-tab-width

Initialization Option of gwin:world

Gettable, settable. Default: 8.

Sets the number of spaces that are inserted into a text object when the TAB key is pressed.

:current-margin-width current-margin-width Gettable, settable. Default: 3. Initialization Option of gwin:world

Sets the amount of space between a text object or a subpicture and the border that surrounds it.

:current-pick-tolerance current-pick-tolerance Gettable, settable. Default: 20. Initialization Option of gwin:world

Sets how close the mouse cursor must be to an object to select that object when the user clicks the mouse button. If the current pick tolerance is small, a user must point to an object exactly before selecting that object. If the current pick tolerance is large, the user can point somewhere near the object, but not necessarily on it, to be able to select it.

Display Lists

12.8.1.2 The following initialization options and methods manipulate display lists—lists of images that specify which images are to be drawn first and which are to be drawn last. Images that are drawn later can overlay and obscure images drawn earlier.

:display-list display-list

Initialization Option of gwin:world

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets the contents and order of the display list for this world.

:read-display-list pathname

Method of gwin:world

Restores the display list for this world from a file written out by the :write-display-list method.

:write-display-list pathname &optional (compile? t)
(attributes nil)

Method of gwin:world

Saves the contents of the world display list to a file. This allows later retrieval by the :read-display-list method. pathname is the file where the display list is to be stored.

The compile? flag indicates whether the file is to be written in compiled form or interpreted form. The file attribute list contains the following values plus any attributes specified through attributes:

- **■** :mode Common-lisp
- :package gwin
- **:** base 10

Refer to the Explorer Zmacs Editor Reference manual for more information about file attribute lists.

:objects-in-window list-of-objects

Initialization Option of gwin:world

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets a list of the objects in gwin:display-list that are inside the most currently refreshed window associated with this world. Thus, you can limit the objects a method searches through. For example, :pick searches only the objects identified by gwin:objects-in-window to find an object that was selected.

:tick tick

Initialization Option of gwin:world

Gettable, settable. Default: 0.

Sets how many changes have been made to the display list since this picture was created or read from a file.

Entities 12.8.1.3 The following methods manipulate entities (graphic objects).

:create-and-add-entity type &rest options :create-and-add-entity-to-front type &rest options Method of gwin:world Method of gwin:world

Creates an entity of the specified *type* and adds it to the display list. :create-and-add-entity-to-front adds the entity to the front of the display list and is used for the background pictures. *type* can be the name of any graphics object flavor.

:delete-entity entity

Method of gwin:world

Deletes an entity or list of entities from the display list. World extents are updated if necessary.

:replace-entity entity new-entity

Method of gwin:world

Replaces a graphics entity in the display list with another graphics entity.

After replacement, world extents are updated if necessary. If the arguments are lists, each element of the first list is replaced by the corresponding element in the second list. If only the first argument is a list, the entities listed are deleted, and the new entity is added to the end of the display list. In these two cases, world extents are always updated.

:pick x y

Method of gwin:world

Returns the graphics object that is closest to the specified point Specifically, :pick searches through the objects in the window if the window contains any objects; if not, :pick searches through the entire world for the closest object. :pick identifies objects that are within the pick tolerance (that is, objects whose closest distance between the object and the pick point is less than the value of gwin:current-pick-tolerance). From these objects, :pick selects the the object whose edge is closest to the pick point.

:insert-arc x y x1 y1 theta

Method of gwin:world

&optional (thickness gwin:current-thickness)

(edge-color gwin:current-edge-color) (fill-color gwin:current-fill-color)

(alu gwin:current-alu)

:insert-backgroundpic entities name

Method of gwin:world

&optional (x-scale 1.) (y-scale x-scale) (edge-color

gwin:current-edge-color) (fill-color gwin:current-fill-color)

(margin gwin:current-margin-width) (thickness gwin:current-thickness)

(alu gwin:current-alu) (x-origin 0.) (y-origin 0.)

:insert-circle x y r

Method of gwin:world

&optional (thickness gwin:current-thickness)

(edge-color gwin:current-edge-color) (fill-color gwin:current-fill-color)

(alu gwin:current-alu)

:insert-line x1 y1 x2 y2

Method of gwin:world

&optional (thickness gwin:current-thickness)

(edge-color gwin:current-edge-color) (alu gwin:current-alu)

:insert-polyline x-points y-points

Method of gwin:world

&optional (closedp nil) (thickness gwin:current-thickness)

(edge-color gwin:current-edge-color) (fill-color gwin:current-fill-color)

(alu gwin:current-alu)

:insert-raster xbeg ybeg xend yend bitarray

Method of gwin:world

&optional (xstart 0.) (ystart 0.) (width 5.) (height 5.) (xscale 1.)

(yscale 1.) (alu w:combine)

:insert-rectangle x y w h

Method of gwin:world

&optional (thickness gwin:current-thickness)

(edge-color gwin:current-edge-color) (fill-color gwin:current-fill-color)

(alu gwin:current-alu)

:insert-ruler x1 y1 x2 y2 spacing

Method of gwin:world

&optional (transform gwin:identity-array) (start-value 0)

(thickness gwin:current-thickness)

(edge-color gwin:current-edge-color) (alu gwin:current-alu)

:insert-spline x-points y-points

Method of gwin:world

&optional (closedp nil) (thickness gwin:current-thickness)

(edge-color gwin:current-edge-color) (fill-color gwin:current-fill-color)

(alu gwin:current-alu)

:insert-subpicture x y entities name

Method of gwin:world

&optional (x-scale 1.) (y-scale x-scale)

(edge-color gwin:current-edge-color) (fill-color gwin:current-fill-color)

(margin gwin:current-margin-width)

(thickness gwin:current-thickness) (alu gwin:current-alu)

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:insert-text x y text-string

Method of gwin:world

&optional (scale 1.) (font gwin:current-font)

(edge-color gwin:current-edge-color) (fill-color gwin:current-fill-color)

(thickness gwin:current-thickness)

(border-color nil) (tab gwin:current-tab-width) alu

:insert-triangle x1 y1 x2 y2 x3 y3

Method of gwin:world

&optional (thickness gwin:current-thickness)

(edge-color gwin:current-edge-color) (fill-color gwin:current-fill-color) (alu gwin:current-alu)

Creates a new entity of the specified kind and adds it to the world. The instance of the entity is returned.

For :insert-raster, the value for edge-color is gwin:current-edge-color on a color system; on a monochrome system, the value is black.

For :insert-ruler, if the value for edge-color is nil, the ruler is black instead of transparent. See the flavors for the various entities for an explanation of the other arguments.

For :insert-text, the value for alu is w:combine on a color system; on a monochrome system, the value is gwin:current-alu.

12.8.1.4 The following methods manipulate extents. Extents are the minimum and maximum x and y values that completely include all the objects in a world. In other words, this is the smallest amount of the world that can be displayed so that all objects are visible in the window.

An object also has extents, which are the values that completely include that object.

:calculate-extents & optional (object-list gwin:display-list) (update-limits? t)

Method of gwin:world

Returns the maximum and minimum extents of the graphics objects. Four values are returned: the bottom, left, right, and top limits.

:bottom-limit bottom-limit

Initialization Option of gwin:world

Gettable. Default: 0.

Gettable. Default: 0.

Initialization Option of gwin:world

:left-limit left-limit

:right-limit right-limit

Initialization Option of gwin:world

Gettable. Default: 0. :top-limit top-limit

Initialization Option of gwin:world

Gettable. Default: 0.

Sets the extreme of the respective coordinates of the objects in the world. Limits are the same as extents.

Graphics Window Flavors

12.8.2 To create graphics windows, you can use the gwin:graphics-window flavor, the gwin:graphics-window-pane flavor, or the gwin:graphicswindow-mixin flavor.

gwin: graphics-window

Flavor

An instantiable form of the graphics-window-mixin.

gwin: graphics-window-pane

Flavor

A pane for structured frames that display graphics.

:blinker-p blinker-p Initialization Option of gwin:graphics-window

Default: nil

:blinker-p blinker-p Initialization Option of gwin:graphics-window-pane

Default: nil

Sets the w:blinker-p instance variable of w:minimum-window when the graphics flavor is instantiated. Unlike blinkers in most windows, the cursor-following blinker for graphic windows is disabled by default.

:borders borders

Initialization Option of gwin:graphics-window

Default: 3.

:borders borders

Initialization Option of gwin:graphics-window-pane

Default: 1.

Sets the w:borders instance variable of w:borders-mixin when the flavor is instantiated. The value is the width of the border in pixels.

#### gwin:graphics-window-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:minimum-window

The basic window mixin for graphics window applications. This mixin provides the required methods for drawing the supported graphics entities. The capability of transforming all drawing operations is also provided.

:cursor-list list Initialization Option of gwin:graphics-window-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets the list of the cursors in this window.

:prompt-text prompt-text Initialization Option of gwin:graphics-window-mixin Gettable, settable. Default: " "

Sets the list of keywords and values for use in the mouse documentation window. See the description of the :who-line-documentation-string method in paragraph 11.6, How Windows Handle the Mouse, for possible keywords.

:world world

Initialization Option of gwin:graphics-window-mixin Gettable, settable. Default: A new instantiation of the gwin:world flavor Sets the world that the window is associated with.

#### :world-extents-window

Method of gwin:graphics-window-mixin

Changes the transformation to display all objects. The returned value is either non-nil if the transformation has been changed or nil if it was not changed.

:add-cursor &rest options

Method of gwin:graphics-window-mixin

Creates a cursor and adds it to the list of cursors that are defined in this window. The argument that is passed, *options*, is the flavor name for the type of cursor that is being added, followed by initialization options for that flavor.

:delete-cursor cursor

Method of gwin:graphics-window-mixin

Removes a cursor from the list of cursors that are defined in this window.

:refresh-area left top right bottom &optional (world-coords t)

Method of gwin:graphics-window-mixin

Redraws all objects that overlap the specified rectangle. If world-coords is not t, left, top, right, and bottom are specified in window coordinates rather than in world coordinates.

:who-line-documentation-string

Method of gwin:graphics-window-mixin

Returns the current mouse button documentation. See the description of the :who-line-documentation-string method in paragraph 11.6, How Windows Handle the Mouse, for possible keywords.

Cache Window Flavor

12.8.3 The graphics window system uses these flavors to create deexposed windows.

w:cache-window

Flavor

This flavor is used by graphics window fonts to temporarily draw images in scaled form.

w:sprite-window

Flavor

This flavor is used to temporarily draw raster objects in scaled form. w:sprite-window is almost identical to w:cache-window. w:sprite-window contains an eight-bit bit-save array (:bit-array) when used on a color system. w:cache-window always has a one-bit :bit-array.

:set-scales x-scale &optional (y-scale x-scale)

Method of w:cache-window and w:sprite-window

Sets the scale values in the transformation for the window. Any global data that is derived from the transformation is updated.

In addition to the method previously discussed, w:cache-window and w:sprite-window use several default values for initialization options that are different from the default values normally associated with w:minimum-window, as follows:

:bit-array bit-array

Initialization Option of w:cache-window and w:sprite-window

Default: An empty 1024-by-1024 pixel array

:deexposed-typeout-action deexposed-typeout-action

Default: :permit

Initialization Option of w:cache-window and w:sprite-window

:height height

Initialization Option of w:cache-window and w:sprite-window

Default: 1024.

:width width

Initialization Option of w:cache-window and w:sprite-window

Default: 1024.

w:cache-window and w:sprite-window also use several default values that are different from the default values normally associated with w:graphics-mixin, as follows:

:min-dot-delta min-dot-delta

Initialization Option of w:cache-window and

w:sprite-window

Default: 1.

:min-nil-delta min-nil-delta

Initialization Option of w:cache-window and

w:sprite-window

Default: 0.

Transform Mixin 12.8.4 This flavor is a component for graphics windows.

w:transform-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:minimum-window

This mixin provides mapping between world and device coordinates. Also, basic methods for modifying the transformation of a window are included.

:identity? identity?

Initialization Option of w:transform-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: t

Sets a Boolean value that indicates whether the world and window transformations are identical.

:transform

Initialization Option of w:transform-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: An array that performs no transformations

Creates a 3 by 3 matrix that contains scaling, translating, and rotational information for the translating points.

:default-window &rest ignore

Method of w:transform-mixin

Changes the transformation for the window to the identity transformation. The identity transformation is the default window condition at initialization.

:new-window x y dx dy

Method of w:transform-mixin

Changes the transformation to fit a specified rectangular area in the window. The x and y scales are set equal to prevent distortion. If the transformation is not changed, nil is returned.

:pan dx dy

Method of w:transform-mixin

Changes the transformation by translating both horizontally and vertically.

:transform-deltas dx dy :untransform-deltas dx dy

Method of w:transform-mixin Method of w:transform-mixin

Transforms a pair of distances between world and window coordinates. A *delta* is the distance between two points. :transform-deltas changes from world to window coordinates; :untransform-deltas changes from window to world coordinates. The distances are not relative to any fixed point in space, so the translation part of the transformation is not applied to them.

:transform-point x y :untransform-point x y

Method of w:transform-mixin Method of w:transform-mixin

Transforms a point between world and window coordinates. :transform-point changes from world to window coordinates; :untransform-point changes from window to world coordinates.

:world-edges

Method of w:transform-mixin

Returns four values: the inside left, top, right, and bottom edges of the window in world coordinates.

:zoom sx sy

Method of w:transform-mixin

Changes the transformation by scaling both horizontally and vertically. The center of the window remains at the same world location.

Mouse Handler
Mixin

12.8.5 This flavor is a component for graphics windows.

gwin: mouse-handler-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:minimum-window Required instance variable: w:io-buffer

Required methods: :transform-deltas, :transform-point,

:untransform-point

This flavor has methods for handling the mouse and window properties that affect the mouse. The mouse cursor uses world coordinates.

:crosshair-mode mode

Initialization Option of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets a Boolean value that indicates whether the mouse cursor has a crosshair cursor—t indicates the existence of a crosshair cursor, and nil indicates that no crosshair cursor exists.

:grid-on t-or-nil

Initialization Option of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets a value that indicates whether the grid is on—t indicates that the grid is on, and nil indicates that the grid if off.

:grid-x distance

Initialization Option of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

:grid-y distance

Initialization Option of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets the distance between grid points along the x or y axis.

:tracker-cursor cursor

Initialization Option of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Enables the mouse cursor.

:draw-crosshair x y

Method of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Draws an xor full-screen crosshair centered at the specified point. The area around the center is left blank for the mouse cursor icon.

:draw-grid x-space

Method of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

&optional (y-space x-space) (alu w:opposite)

(color w:\*default-foreground\*)

Draws a grid of dots corresponding to the specified grid spacing. The grid covers the entire window.

The *color* argument is used only on a color system. The color is XORed with the colors on the screen to obtain the actual color of the grid dots.

#### :get-mouse-position

Method of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Returns the x and y coordinates of the current mouse position relative to this window.

#### :gridify-point x y

Method of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Returns the x and y coordinates of the grid location nearest the specified point.

#### :mouse-click button x y

Method of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Provides the mouse button interface for this window. This operates like the :mouse-click method of the w:list-mouse-buttons-mixin flavor, except that the points are in world coordinates. If another window is currently selected, the window that receives this message is selected because the user is interacting with it.

#### :mouse-standard-blinker

Method of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Sets the mouse blinker for this window. This method is called by the window manager when the mouse enters the screen area occupied by the window.

#### :redraw-crosshair x y

Method of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Erases the last crosshair and draws a new crosshair at the specified point.

:resume-crosshair :suspend-crosshair Method of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin Method of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Temporarily turns off or turns on the automatic crosshair tracking of the mouse. These methods are used to halt the crosshair while a pop-up menu is displayed.

:turn-off-crosshair :turn-on-crosshair Method of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin Method of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Turns off or turns on the automatic crosshair tracking of the mouse.

#### :undraw-crosshair

Method of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Erases the crosshair.

#### :update-crosshair

Method of gwin:mouse-handler-mixin

Redraws the crosshair if a crosshair is in the window. The position of the crosshair does not change.

Basic Cursor Mixin

12.8.6 This flavor is a component for cursor flavors that use world coordinates.

#### gwin: basic-cursor-mixin

Flavor

This mixin must be included in each type of cursor flavor. This mixin includes the basic capabilities for world coordinate cursors.

The origin of the cursor can be offset from the x and y coordinates of the cursor. The offset instance variables determine the offset; the position instance variables are for the coordinates.

:visibility visibility

Initialization Option of gwin:basic-cursor-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: t

Sets the visibility of the cursor. If visibility is nil, the cursor is not visible.

:window window

Initialization Option of gwin:basic-cursor-mixin

Gettable. Default: w:selected-window

Sets the window that the cursor is in.

:x-offset offset

:y-offset offset

Initialization Option of gwin:basic-cursor-mixin

Gettable. Default: 0.

Initialization Option of gwin:basic-cursor-mixin

Gettable. Default: 0.

Sets the x or y offset of the cursor. The offsets are the difference between the center of the cursor representation and the coordinates for the cursor.

:x-position position

Initialization Option of gwin:basic-cursor-mixin

Gettable. Default: 0.

:y-position position

Initialization Option of gwin:basic-cursor-mixin

Gettable. Default: 0.

Sets the x or y coordinate of the cursor.

:delete

Method of gwin:basic-cursor-mixin

Deletes the cursor object and removes the blinker from the window.

:offset

Method of gwin:basic-cursor-mixin

Returns the x and y offsets for the cursor object. The offsets are the difference between the center of the cursor representation and the coordinates for the cursor.

: set-offset x y

Method of gwin:basic-cursor-mixin

Changes the offset of the cursor and redisplays the cursor if necessary. A Boolean value is returned, which indicates whether the cursor is inside the window.

:position

Method of gwin:basic-cursor-mixin

Returns the x and y coordinates of the cursor object.

:set-position x y

Method of gwin:basic-cursor-mixin

Changes the position of the cursor and redisplays the cursor if necessary. A Boolean value is returned, which indicates whether the cursor is inside the window.

:redraw

#### Method of gwin:basic-cursor-mixin

Displays the cursor at its current location if the cursor is in the window. A Boolean value is returned, which indicates whether the cursor is inside the window.

Cursor Flavor

12.8.7 The graphics window system uses this flavor for character cursors.

gwin:cursor

:font font

Flavor

A character cursor that is positioned in world coordinates. The character can be any character from a standard Lisp machine font.

:character character

Initialization Option of gwin:cursor

Default: 0.

Initialization Option of gwin:cursor

Default: fonts:mouse

Sets the character or font, respectively, that defines this cursor object.

:character :set-character new-character new-font Method of gwin:cursor Method of gwin:cursor

Returns or sets, respectively, the character and font that define this cursor object.

Bitblt Blinker Flavor 12.8.8 The graphics window system uses this flavor to create bitblt blinkers.

gwin: bitblt-blinker

Flavor

The bitblt type of blinker that allows an ALU. This flavor is similar to w:bitblt-blinker except that it does not assume that the blinker is drawn with an xor. This blinker can be positioned outside the window and can clip to window bounds. The blinker uses window coordinates.

:alu alu

Initialization Option of gwin:bitblt-blinker

Gettable. Default: w:combine

Sets the default ALU value for drawing the bitblt blinker.

:array array

Initialization Option of gwin:bitblt-blinker

Default: nil

Sets a bitblt image. The dimensions of array must be multiples of 32.

:height height

Initialization Option of gwin:bitblt-blinker

Gettable. Default: nil

Initialization Option of gwin:bitblt-blinker

:width width

Gettable. Default: nil

Sets the height or width of the blinker. The value must be a multiple of 32. If you supply a value for *height*, that dimension of *array* is overridden.

:blink

Method of gwin:bitblt-blinker

Blinks the bitblt blinker. The blinker is drawn if it is currently off and erased if it is currently on.

:set-cursorpos x y

Method of gwin:bitblt-blinker

Sets the position of the bitblt blinker in window coordinates. The blinker does not follow the cursor after it receives this message. The position can be outside the window bounds.

:size

Method of gwin:bitblt-blinker

Returns the width and height of the blinker.

Block Cursor Flavor 12.8.9 The graphics window system uses this flavor for block cursors.

gwin:block-cursor

Flavor

A solid, black rectangular cursor that is positioned in world coordinates.

:height height

:width width

Initialization Option of gwin:block-cursor

Gettable. Default: 10.

Initialization Option of gwin:block-cursor

Gettable. Default: 10.

Sets the height or width, respectively, of the block cursor object.

:set-size new-width new-height

Method of gwin:block-cursor

Changes the height and width of the block cursor object.

Sprite Cursor Flavor

12.8.10 The graphics window system uses this flavor to create sprite cursors. For example, the images that are drag-moved or drag-copied in the graphics editor are sprite cursors.

gwin:sprite-cursor

Flavor

A cursor that is positioned in world coordinates. This cursor saves the bits that it overwrites so that these bits can be restored.

Sprite cursors can either reflect (:reflect) or wrap (:wrap) at each limit depending on which keyword is the value of the gwin:bottom-flag, gwin:right-flag, gwin:left-flag, and gwin:top-flag instance variables. If one of these instance variables is nil, the sprite cursor continues moving beyond the limit.

:alu alu

Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Default: w:combine

Sets the default ALU value for drawing the sprite blinker.

:array array

Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Default: 32-by-32 bit array of 1s

Sets a bitblt image. The dimensions of array must be multiples of 32.

:top-flag top-flag Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Gettable, settable. Default: :reflect

:bottom-flag bottom-flag Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Gettable, settable. Default: :reflect

:left-flag left-flag Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Gettable, settable. Default: :reflect

:right-flag right-flag Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Gettable, settable. Default: :reflect

Sets the flag for the specified side. Flags are meaningful only when the cursor is not frozen. Possible values are as follows:

Values	Action Taken When the Sprite Cursor Reaches the Edge of the Window
:reflect	Reverses direction and moves away from that edge.
:wrap	Disappears and reappears on the opposite edge of the window. The sprite cursor continues moving in the same direction it was originally moving in.
nil	Continues moving beyond the limit (that is, off the screen).

:top-limit top-limit I

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

:bottom-limit bottom-limit

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

:left-limit left-limit

Gettable, settable. Default: nil :right-limit right-limit

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Sets the limits within which the sprite cursor moves.

:x-step x-step

Gettable, settable. Default: 10.

Gettable, settable. Default: 10.

:y-step y-step

Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Sets the x and y distances, respectively, that the sprite cursor moves each time.

:frozen? t-or-nil

Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Gettable, settable, Default: t

Sets a Boolean value to indicate whether the sprite cursor moves automatically; for example, the sprite cursor in the starter kit is not frozen, and the sprite cursor for the Drag-Copy and Drag-Move commands in the graphics editor is frozen.

:height height :width width

Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Sets the height or width, respectively, of the sprite.

:time-between-moves time

Initialization Option of gwin:sprite-cursor

Gettable, settable. Default: 10.

Sets the number of 60ths of a second that elapse between sprite cursor movements.

:move & optional (dx gwin:x-step) (dy gwin:y-step)

Method of gwin:sprite-cursor

Moves the sprite cursor the specified distance.

:set-position x y

Method of gwin:sprite-cursor

Changes the location of the sprite cursor and redisplays the sprite cursor if necessary. This method does wrapping and reflection if required.

:redraw

Method of gwin:sprite-cursor

Redraws the sprite cursor. The cursor is clipped to the bounds of the window.

:size

Method of gwin:sprite-cursor

Returns the width and height of the sprite cursor.

:update delta-time

Method of gwin:sprite-cursor

Moves the sprite cursor by the step values, if enough time has passed.

#### Standard Operations on Graphic Objects

12.9 The following methods provide operations on most graphic objects. The methods for each object are implemented separately. For conciseness in documentation, however, the typical methods are discussed in detail here. Only the nonstandard operations and the differences between the standard operation and the operation of an individual method are discussed with the particular object.

In addition to these standard operations, all methods of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin also apply.

:distance from-x from-y

Method of graphic object

Returns the minimum distance from the specified point to the edge of the object. If the specified point is in the interior of the object, the returned value is negative, and the absolute value of the returned value is the distance to the edge of the object.

:draw window

Method of graphic object

Draws the entire object entity in the specified window. The typical use for :draw is illustrated in the starter kit. Usually, you send this method to the returned value of an :insert-object method.

:edge-point window & optional transform

Method of graphic object

Returns the coordinates for a point on the edge of the object for highlighting. This method is defined separately for each graphic object. If *transform* is non-nil, the object is part of a subpicture, and *transform* holds the subpicture translations.

#### :edit-parameters

Method of graphic object

Displays a menu of the object parameters and allows editing of the parameters. The method returns either a non-nil value if the parameters were edited or nil if the parameters were not edited.

In a color environment, you can specify any color from the color map for edge and fill colors. Clicking on either the edge color or fill color parameters displays a menu of choices for specifying a color. You can choose from a list of standard color names, select a color from the color map display, or enter an integer value for a color.

Clicking on Draw ALU displays a list of standard ALU operations plus additional color ALU operations.

**NOTE:** The default ALU operations work differently in a color environment, as explained in paragraph 19.6, Color ALU Functions.

#### :fasd-form

Method of graphic object

Returns a form that recreates this object instance when the form is evaluated. This message is sent to an object when the object is being written in compiled form to a file.

#### :move delta-x delta-y

Method of graphic object

Moves this object the specified distances in the x and y directions and updates the extents.

#### :scale sx & optional (sy sx) (scale-thickness? t)

Method of graphic object

Scales this object instance by the specified factors. For example, scaling by 2 doubles the size of the object, and scaling by 0.5 makes the object half as large. The extents of the world are **not** updated.

#### :undraw window

Method of graphic object

Erases the entire object entity. You should use the :refresh-area method of graphics-window-mixin to refresh the area of the video display that contained the object.

### Basic Graphics Mixin

12.10 This flavor is the component for all of the graphics object flavors used with worlds.

If you add a new graphics object, that object should be able to handle all of the methods for gwin:basic-graphics-mixin and for the standard methods defined for all graphic objects, described in paragraph 12.9, Standard Operations on Graphic Objects. If you create a new object, you may need to redefine some of the standard methods defined in gwin:basic-graphics-mixin to make the methods work properly for the new object flavor.

#### gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Flavor

This mixin includes the methods and instance variables that are common to all graphics object flavors.

:alu alu

Initialization Option of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: w:normal

Sets the ALU used by default for drawing this type of graphic object. Several values are given in Table 12-2, ALU Values for Graphic Methods. For information on ALU values in a color environment, refer to paragraph 19.6, Color ALU Functions.

:copy

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Returns a copy of the object.

:edge-color color

Initialization Option of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: w:black

:fill-color color

Initialization Option of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets the edge color or fill color, respectively, for the object. Edge color is the color of the edge of the object; fill color is the color of the interior of the object. Possible values for *color* in a monochrome environment are given in Table 12-1, Color Values for Graphic Methods for Monochrome Environments. Possible values for *color* in a color environment include the value or name of any color from the color map. The system-defined color names are given in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map.

:extents

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Returns four values: the minimum x and y and maximum x and y values that completely include the object.

:highlight window :highlight-2 window

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Highlights the object in this window, :highlight points a hand at the object; :highlight-2 makes the object blink.

:inside-p left top right bottom

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the object is completely inside the rectangle.

:markers

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Returns the list of associated cursors.

:nearest-x x

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Gettable, settable.

:nearest-y y

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Gettable, settable.

Returns the appropriate coordinate of the mouse cursor.

:origin

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Returns two values: the minimum x and y coordinates. These are also the coordinates for the upper left corner of the extents.

:outside-p left top right bottom

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the object is completely outside the specified rectangle.

#### :overlap-p entity

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the extents of this object and the specified entity overlap.

#### :set-origin origin-x origin-y

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Moves the graphics object so that the upper left corner of the object is at the specified point.

#### :unhighlight window

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Removes the highlighting from this object in the specified window.

:x-max x-max

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

:x-min x-min

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

:y-max y-max

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Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Gett y-min y-min:

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Method of gwin:basic-graphics-mixin

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Returns the value of the respective extent of the graphic object. The extents of the graphics object are as follows:

Instance Variable	Extent	
gwin:x-min gwin:x-max	left right	
gwin:y-min gwin:y-max	top bottom	

### Simple Graphic Objects

12.11 The following flavors and methods manipulate simple graphic objects: arcs, circles, lines, polylines, rectangles, splines, and triangles.

#### Arc Flavor

12.11.1

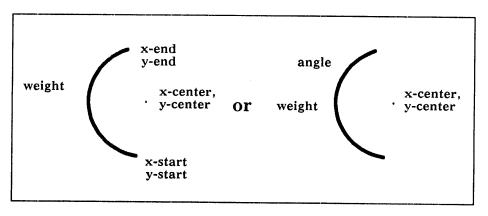
#### gwin:arc

Flavor

The arc graphics entity. An arc is a piece of a circle. An arc can have a fill color; if it has a fill color, the area inside the including angle is solid.

Creating the Object

12.11.1.1 The following initialization options and methods define an arc. All of these update the extents of the object when set or initialized. To create an arc, you must specify the center, the starting point, and either the angle or the ending point of the arc.



:angle angle

Initialization Option of gwin:arc

Gettable, settable. Default: 360.

Sets the degree of the including angle.

:weight weight

Initialization Option of gwin:arc

Gettable, settable. Default: 1.

Sets the line thickness for the arc edge.

:x-center x-center

Initialization Option of gwin:arc

Gettable, settable. Default: 20.

:y-center y-center

Initialization Option of gwin:arc

Gettable, settable. Default: 20.

Sets the x or y coordinate of the center of the including circle.

:x-start x-start

Initialization Option of gwin:arc

Gettable, settable. Default: 20.

Initialization Option of gwin:arc

:y-start y-start

Gettable, settable. Default: 0.

Sets the x or y coordinate of the start of the arc. Arcs are drawn counter-clockwise from the starting point.

:x-end x-end :y-end y-end

Initialization Option of gwin:arc Initialization Option of gwin:arc

Sets the x or y coordinate of the end of the arc.

Manipulating the Object

12.11.1.2 The following standard methods are defined for arcs. See paragraph 12.9, Standard Operations on Graphic Objects, for a detailed description of their operation.

:distance from-x from-y	Method of gwin:arc
:draw window	Method of gwin:arc
:edit-parameters	Method of gwin:arc
:fasd-form	Method of gwin:arc
:move delta-x delta-y	Method of gwin:arc
:scale sx &optional (sy sx) (scale-thickness? t)	Method of gwin:arc
:undraw window	Method of gwin:arc

:edge-point window & optional transform

Method of gwin:arc

Returns the coordinates for a point on the edge of the arc for highlighting. If the midpoint of the edge of the arc is inside the window, that point is returned. Otherwise, the point on the arc that is nearest to the mouse cursor is returned. If *transform* is non-nil, the arc is part of a subpicture, and *transform* holds the subpicture translations.

Circle Flavor

#### 12.11.2

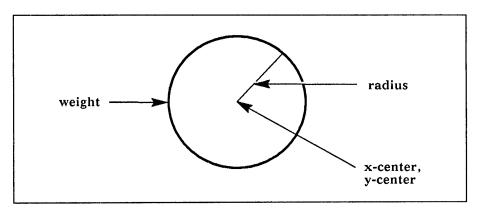
gwin:circle

Flavor

The definition of the circle graphics entity. A circle can have a fill color, which causes the circle to be solid.

Creating the Object

12.11.2.1 The following initialization options and methods define a circle. All of these update the extents of the object when set or initialized.



:radius radius

Initialization Option of gwin:circle

Gettable, settable. Default: 20.

Sets the radius of this circle instance.

:weight weight

Initialization Option of gwin:circle

Gettable, settable. Default: 2.

Sets the line thickness of the circle.

:x-center x-center

Gettable, settable. Default: 0.

Initialization Option of gwin:circle

:y-center y-center

Initialization Option of gwin:circle

Gettable, settable. Default: 0.

Sets the x or y coordinate of the center of the circle.

Manipulating the Object

12.11.2.2 The following standard methods are defined for circles. See paragraph 12.9, Standard Operations on Graphic Objects, for a detailed description of their operation.

:distance from-x from-y	Method of gwin:circle
:draw window	Method of gwin:circle
:edit-parameters	Method of gwin:circle
:fasd-form	Method of gwin:circle
:move $dx dy$	Method of gwin:circle
:scale sx &optional (sy sx) (scale-thickness? t)	Method of gwin:circle
:undraw window	Method of gwin:circle

:edge-point window & optional transform

Method of gwin:circle

Returns a point to be used for highlighting. The point on the rightmost outside edge is returned unless that point is out of the window; when that point is out of the window, the point closest to the mouse is returned. If *transform* is non-nil, this circle is part of a subpicture, and *transform* holds the subpicture translations.

Line Flavor

12.11.3

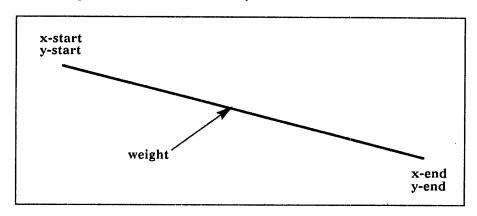
gwin:line

Flavor

The line graphics entity.

Creating the Object

12.11.3.1 The following initialization options and methods define a line. All of these update the extents of the object when set or initialized.



:weight weight

Initialization Option of gwin:line

Gettable, settable. Default: 2.

Sets the line thickness to a new value.

:x-end x-end

Initialization Option of gwin:line

Gettable, settable. Default: 100.

Initialization Option of gwin:line

:x-start x-start

Gettable, settable. Default: 50.

:y-end y-end

Initialization Option of gwin:line

Gettable, settable. Default: 100.

Initialization Option of gwin:line

:y-start y-start

Gettable, settable. Default: 50.

Sets the x or y coordinate of either the start or end of a line.

Manipulating the Object 12.11.3.2 The following standard methods are defined for lines. See paragraph 12.9, Standard Operations on Graphic Objects, for a detailed description of their operation.

:distance from-x from-y	Method of gwin:line
:draw window	Method of gwin:line
:edit-parameters	Method of gwin:line
:fasd-form	Method of gwin:line
:move $dx dy$	Method of gwin:line
:scale sx &optional (sy sx) (scale-thickness? t)	Method of gwin:line
:undraw window	Method of gwin:line
edge-point window & optional transform	Method of gwin:line

Returns the coordinates for a point on the edge of the line for highlighting. If the midpoint of the edge of the line is inside the window, that point is returned. Otherwise, the point on the line that is nearest to the mouse cursor is returned. If transform is non-nil, the line is part of a subpicture, and transform holds the subpicture translations.

#### Polyline Flavor 12.11.4

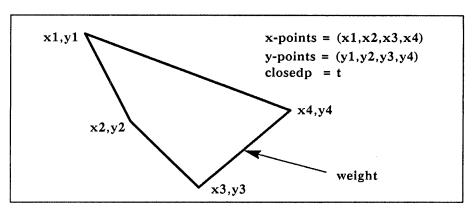
gwin:polyline

Flavor

Polyline graphics entity. A polyline is a connected set of line segments. If the polyline has a fill color, the polyline is solid inside the polygon that is defined by the polyline and a line segment connecting the starting and ending points.

Creating the Object

12.11.4.1 The following initialization options and methods define a polyline. All of these update the extents of the object when set or initialized.



:closedp t-or-nil

Initialization Option of gwin:polyline

Gettable. Default: nil

Sets a Boolean value that indicates whether the polyline is closed. If :closedp is t, the polyline is closed regardless of whether the first and last points coincide. Similarly, if :closedp is nil, the polyline is not closed. Even if the first and last points coincide, no line segment is drawn back to the first segment.

:weight weight

Initialization Option of gwin:polyline

Gettable, settable. Default: 2.

Sets the line thickness of the polyline.

:x-points x-points
Gettable. Default: (100. 500.)
:set-x-points new-x-points & optional (update-self t)
:y-points y-points
Gettable. Default: (100. 500.)
:set-y-points new-y-points & optional (update-self t)

Gettable. Default: (100. 500.)
:set-y-points new-y-points & optional (update-self t)

Method of gwin:polyline
Method of gwin:polyline

Initializes the set of x or y coordinates for the polyline. :set-x-points and :set-y-points define new coordinates and, if update-self is non-nil, updates the polyline instance.

Manipulating the Object

12.11.4.2 The following standard methods are defined for polylines. See paragraph 12.9, Standard Operations on Graphic Objects, for a detailed description of their operation.

:distance from-x from-y	Method of gwin:polyline
:draw window	Method of gwin:polyline
:edit-parameters	Method of gwin:polyline
:fasd-form	Method of gwin:polyline
:move $dx dy$	Method of gwin:polyline
:scale sx &optional (sy sx) (scale-thickness? t)	Method of gwin:polyline
:undraw window	Method of gwin:polyline

:edge-point window & optional transform

Method of gwin:polyline

Returns a point to be used for highlighting. The midpoints of the line segments are checked in order from the first line through the last line until one in the window is found. The coordinates of that point are returned. If *transform* is non-nil, this polyline is part of a subpicture, and *transform* holds the subpicture translations.

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Method of gwin:polyline

Returns a copy of the polyline. This overrides the :copy method from gwin:basic-graphics-mixin.

#### Rectangle Flavor

12.11.5

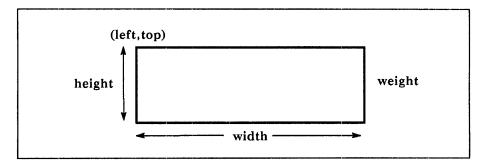
#### gwin:rectangle

Flavor

The rectangle graphics entity. The rectangle can have a fill color, which causes the interior to be solid.

Creating the Object

12.11.5.1 The following initialization options and methods define a rectangle. All of these update the extents of the object when set or initialized.



:height height

Gettable, settable. Default: 100.

Initialization Option of gwin:rectangle

:width width

Initialization Option of gwin:rectangle

Gettable, settable. Default: 100.

Sets the rectangle height or width.

:left left

Initialization Option of gwin:rectangle

Gettable, settable. Default: 0.

Initialization Option of gwin:rectangle

:top top Gettable, settable. Default: 0.

Sets the left or top edge of the rectangle.

:weight weight

Initialization Option of gwin:rectangle

Gettable, settable. Default: 2.

Sets the line thickness of the rectangle.

Manipulating the Object 12.11.5.2 The following standard methods are defined for rectangles. See paragraph 12.9, Standard Operations on Graphic Objects, for a detailed description of their operation.

:distance from-x from-y :draw window :edit-parameters :fasd-form :move dx dy:scale sx & optional (sy sx) (scale-thickness? t) :undraw window

Method of gwin:rectangle Method of gwin:rectangle

:edge-point window & optional transform

Method of gwin:rectangle

Returns the x and y coordinates of a point that is used for highlighting. The midpoint of the outside edge of the right side is returned unless that point is out of the window; when that point is out of the window, the point closest to the mouse is returned. If transform is non-nil, this rectangle is part of a subpicture, and transform holds the subpicture translations.

Spline Flavor

12.11.6

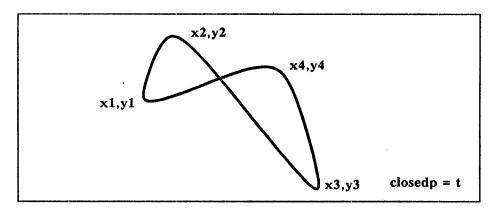
gwin:spline

Flavor

The spline graphics entity. A spline is a smooth curve connecting a set of points. If the spline has a fill color, it is solid inside the closed spline or inside the area that is defined by the open spline and a straight line connecting the starting and ending points.

Creating the Object

12.11.6.1 The following initialization options and methods define a spline. All of these update the extents of the object when set or initialized.



:closedp

Initialization Option of gwin:spline

Default: nil

Sets a Boolean value that indicates whether the spline is closed. If :closedp is t, the spline is closed regardless of whether the first and last points coincide. Similarly, if :closedp is nil, the spline is not closed. Even if the first and last points coincide, the curve connecting the two is not drawn.

:weight weight

Initialization Option of gwin:spline

Settable. Default: 2.

Sets the line thickness of the spline.

:x-points x-points

Initialization Option of gwin:spline

Settable. Default: (0 50 100 150 200)

:y-points y-points

Initialization Option of gwin:spline

Settable. Default: (50 0 50 100 50)

Sets a list of the knots—the x or y coordinates—that are used to specify the spline. The argument can be either a list or an array.

Manipulating the Object

12.11.6.2 The spline flavor includes standard methods and methods that return the computed points for the spline.

The following standard methods are defined for splines. See paragraph 12.9, Standard Operations on Graphic Objects, for a detailed description of their operation.

:distance from-x from-y :draw window :edit-parameters :fasd-form :move dx dy :scale sx &optional (sy sx) (scale-thickness? t) :undraw window	Method of gwin:spline
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:copy

Method of gwin:spline

Returns a copy of the spline. This overrides the :copy method from basic-graphics-mixin.

:edge-point window & optional transform

Method of gwin:spline

Returns the x and y coordinates for the first knot inside the window that is used for highlighting. If *transform* is non-nil, this spline is part of a sub-picture, and *transform* holds the subpicture translations.

:curve-x-points curve-x-points :curve-y-points

Method of gwin:spline Method of gwin:spline

Returns a list of the computed x or y coordinates, as appropriate, of the points that are used to draw the spline. The list includes both the specified coordinates (the knots) and the computed coordinates that lie between the knots.

Triangle Flavor

12.11.7

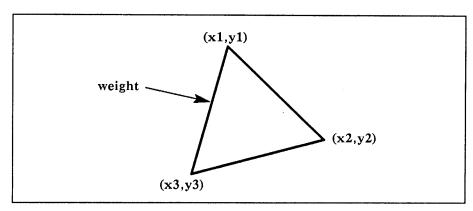
gwin:triangle

Flavor

The triangle graphics entity. If the triangle has a fill color, it is solid inside the perimeter.

Creating the Object

12.11.7.1 The following initialization options and methods define a triangle. All of these update the extents of the object when set or initialized.



:weight weight

Initialization Option of gwin:triangle

Gettable, settable. Default: 2.

Sets the line thickness of the triangle.

: <b>x</b> 1 $x$ 1		Initialization Option of gwin:triangle
:y1 y <i>l</i>	Gettable, settable. Default: 0.	Initialization Option of gwin:triangle
:x2 x2	Gettable, settable. Default: 0.	Initialization Option of gwin:triangle
:y2 y2	Gettable, settable. Default: 0.	Initialization Option of gwin:triangle
	Gettable, settable. Default: 0.	
:x3 <i>x3</i>	Gettable, settable. Default: 0.	Initialization Option of gwin:triangle
:y3 y3	Gettable, settable. Default: 0.	Initialization Option of gwin:triangle

Sets the coordinates of the vertices of the triangle.

### Manipulating the Object

:edge-point window & optional transform

12.11.7.2 The following standard methods are defined for triangles. See paragraph 12.9, Standard Operations on Graphic Objects, for a detailed description of their operation.

:distance from-x from-y	Method of gwin:triangle
:draw window	Method of gwin:triangle
:edit-parameters	Method of gwin:triangle
:fasd-form	Method of gwin:triangle
:move $dx dy$	Method of gwin:triangle
:scale sx &optional (sy sx) (scale-thickness? t)	Method of gwin:triangle
:undraw window	Method of gwin:triangle

Returns the x and y coordinates for a point to be used for highlighting. The midpoint of the outside edge of the first side is returned if it is inside the window. Otherwise, the closest point to the mouse cursor is returned. If *transform* is non-nil, this triangle is part of a subpicture, and *transform* holds the subpicture translations.

# Fonts and Text Objects

12.12 Fonts used to create text objects are graphic objects called *raster fonts*. As such, they can be scaled (enlarged or reduced) and they can be displayed in various fill colors and background colors. As graphic objects, font objects in the graphics window system are different from the font objects typically used for output on windows. When you create the graphic window system, it automatically generates raster fonts analogous to the fonts used elsewhere in the window system. A list of all the loaded raster fonts is stored in the w:\*font-list\* variable.

For example, the graphics font object gwin:cptfont-font is analogous to the font object fonts:cptfont. You should specify raster fonts as font arguments when working with graphics objects.

w:\*font-list\*

A list of all raster fonts currently loaded in the system. This list is in a form suitable for a menu item list.

#### w:\*default-w-fonts\*

Variable

Default: w:medfndb-font, w:cptfont-font

A list of all raster fonts available before the GWIN package was created.

Method of gwin:triangle

#### gwin:\*default-gwin-fonts\*

Variable

A list of all raster fonts that were created automatically when the GWIN package was created.

Font Flavor

12.12.1 Font flavor is used for fonts in the graphics window system.

gwin:font

Flavor

Used for fonts in the graphics window system. A font can use any type of character objects that can be scaled.

:blinker-height height

Initialization Option of gwin:font

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

:blinker-width width

Initialization Option of gwin:font

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets the height and width of the block cursor that is used during text input.

:character-size char-index & optional (create-scale 1)

Method of gwin:font

Returns two values: the horizontal and vertical spacing for the specified character.

:characters characters

Initialization Option of gwin:font

Gettable, settable. Default: An empty 256-element array

Sets the array of characters.

:draw-character char-index x y window

Method of gwin:font

&optional (color w:black) (create-scale 1) (alu w:combine)

Draws a character in this font in the specified window. The returned values are the x and y increments for the cursor.

:draw-string text x y window

Method of gwin:font

&optional (color w:black) (start 0) (end (length text)) (create-scale 1.) (alu w:combine)

Draws a string of characters in this font in the specified window. The returned values are the x and y increments for the cursor.

:fasd-form

Method of gwin:font

Returns a form that recreates this font when evaluated. This message is sent to an object when the object is being written in compiled form to a file.

:horz-spacing spacing

Initialization Option of gwin:font

Gettable, settable. Default: 10.

Sets the minimum number of pixels that the cursor moves horizontally when a character is drawn.

:set-character char-index object

Method of gwin:font

Changes the definition of a character within this font.

:vert-spacing spacing

Initialization Option of gwin:font

Gettable, settable. Default: 12.

Sets the spacing between lines of text in this font.

Text Flavor 12.12.2

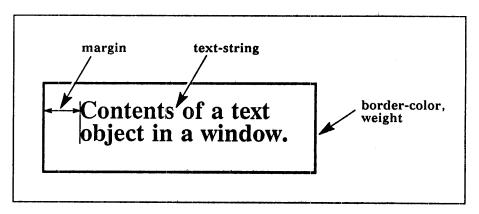
gwin:text

Flavor

The text graphics entity. A text entity is a string of characters that is contained in a rectangle. If the text entity has a fill color, the characters are drawn on a rectangle of the specified fill color. If the text entity has a border color, a rectangular border of that color is drawn around the text entity.

Creating the Object

12.12.2.1 The following initialization options and methods define a text object. All of these update the extents of the object when set or initialized.



:border-color border-color

Initialization Option of gwin:text

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets the color of the border that surrounds the text.

:font-name font-name

Initialization Option of gwin:text

Gettable, settable. Default: gwin:standard-font

Sets the font name used for the text string. font-name must be a GWIN font object, such as w:medfnb-font rather than fonts:medfnb.

:margin

Initialization Option of gwin:text

Gettable, settable. Default: 3.

Sets the width in world coordinates of the white space between the text object and the border of the rectangle that surrounds it.

:tab-width tab-width

Initialization Option of gwin:text

Gettable, settable. Default: 8.

Returns the number of spaces that are inserted in a text object when the TAB key is pressed.

:text-string text-string

Initialization Option of gwin:text

Gettable. Default: An empty 5-character string array

:set-text-string string &optional (update-self t)

Method of gwin:text

Sets the string that actually appears in the text object. :set-text-string sets text-string to a new value and updates the text object if update-self is non-nil.

:weight weight

Initialization Option of gwin:text

Gettable, settable. Default: 2.

Sets the line thickness for the border of the text.

:x-end x-end

Initialization Option of gwin:text

Gettable, settable.

Initialization Option of gwin:text

:y-end y-end

Gettable, settable.

Sets the x or y coordinate of the end of the text entity :set-x-end or :set-y-end moves the text entity so that it ends at a new coordinate.

:x-start x-start

Initialization Option of gwin:text

Gettable, settable. Default: 0.

:y-start y-start

Initialization Option of gwin:text

Gettable, settable. Default: 0.

Sets the appropriate starting coordinate of the text entity.

Manipulating the Object

12.12.2.2 The text flavor includes standard methods, as well as other methods unique to text objects.

Standard Methods The following standard methods are defined for texts. See paragraph 12.9, Standard Operations on Graphic Objects, for a detailed description of their operation.

:distance from-x from-y
:draw window
:edit-parameters
:fasd-form
:move dx dy
:scale sx &optional (sy sx) (scale-thickness? t)
:undraw window

Method of gwin:text

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Method of gwin:text

Returns a copy of the text entity. This overrides the :copy method from gwin:basic-graphics-mixin.

:edge-point window & optional transform

Method of gwin:text

Returns the x and y coordinates for a point that is used for highlighting. The end point of the last character is returned if that point is in the window. Otherwise, the point closest to the mouse cursor is returned. If transform is non-nil, this text entity is part of a subpicture, and transform holds the subpicture translations.

Other Methods The following methods are also defined for text objects.

:append new-chars window

Method of gwin:text

Appends characters to the text entity.

:chop n window

Method of gwin:text

Removes the nth and all following characters from this text object.

### Basic Character Mixin

12.12.3 The graphics window system uses this flavor as a basis for both vector and raster characters. In most cases, which type of character you use depends on whether the character is normally used with a transformation that makes the character appear larger than it was originally defined to be. Vector characters look better when you zoom in on them; raster characters look better when viewed at their original transformation.

#### gwin:basic-character-mixin

Flavor

This mixin contains common data needed by all types of characters.

:horizontal-spacing spacing Initialization Option of gwin:basic-character-mixin Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Returns the horizontal spacing of this character only. The value is the distance between this character and the preceding character; if the value is nil, the standard spacing for the font is used.

:thickness thickness Initialization Option of gwin:basic-character-mixin Gettable, settable. Default: 0.

Sets the thickness of the font.

:vertical-spacing spacing Initialization Option of gwin:basic-character-mixin Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Returns the vertical spacing of this character only. The value is the distance between this character and the line above the character; if the value is nil, the standard spacing for the font is used.

#### Vector Character Flavor

12.12.4

#### gwin:vector-character

Flavor

A character defined by a set of ordered coordinates that specify thick lines. The representation of a vector character has two arrays: one contains the  $\mathbf{x}$  coordinates for the end points of the lines, and the other contains the y coordinates. The origin of these coordinates is the upper left corner of the character box.

:draw x y window &optional color (alu w:combine) Method of gwin:vector-character

Draws a vector character at the specified point in the specified window. First, the character cache is checked for a bit-map image of the correct character in the correct size. If the image is correct, it is bitblted into the window. Otherwise, the character is drawn in the cache and then bitblted into the window. The scales for the cache window must be set to the correct drawing scale for this character; you should use the :set-scales method in w:cache-window flavor.

In a monochrome environment, the default value of *color* is w:black. In a color environment, the default value of *color* is the value of w:sheet-foreground-color (the foreground color of the window to which you are drawing).

#### :fasd-form

#### Method of gwin:vector-character

Returns a form that recreates this vector character instance when evaluated. This message is sent to an object when an object is being written in compiled form to a file.

:x-points x-points

Initialization Option of gwin:vector-character

Gettable. Default: None

:y-points y-points

Initialization Option of gwin:vector-character

Gettable. Default: None

Sets a list of the x or y coordinates for the character.

#### Raster Character Flavor

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#### gwin:raster-character

Flavor

A character that is defined by a raster bit pattern. A raster character includes a two-dimensional array, gwin:identity-cache, of the points that defines the character. The dimensions of the character in this array are gwin:identityheight and gwin:identity-width.

Method of gwin:raster-character :draw x y window &optional color (alu w:combine)

> Draws a raster character at the specified point in the specified window. First the character cache is checked for a bitmap image of the correct character in the correct size. If the image is correct, it is bit block transferred (bitblted) into the window. Otherwise, the character is drawn in the cache and then bitblted into the window. The scales for the cache window must be set to the correct drawing scale for this character; you should use the :set-scales method in the w:cache-window flavor.

> In a monochrome environment, the default value of color is w:black. In a color environment, the default value of color is the value of w:sheetforeground-color (the foreground color of the window to which you are drawing).

#### :fasd-form

#### Method of gwin:raster-character

Returns a form that recreates the raster character when evaluated. This message is sent to an object when the object is being written in compiled form to a file.

:identity-cache cache

Initialization Option of gwin:raster-character

Gettable. Default: An empty cache-size-by-cache-size pixel array

:identity-height height

Initialization Option of gwin:raster-character

Gettable. Default: 0.

Sets the zeroth dimension of the array gwin:identity-cache.

:identity-width width

Initialization Option of gwin:raster-character

Gettable. Default: 0.

Sets the first dimension of the array gwin:identity-cache.

:left-kern left-kern

Initialization Option of gwin:raster-character

Gettable. Default: 0.

Sets the size of the overlap between this character and the previous character. See the description of w:font-left-kern-table in paragraph 9.8, Format of Fonts, for a detailed description of left kerning.

Ruler Flavor

12.13 The graphics window system uses this flavor to create rulers.

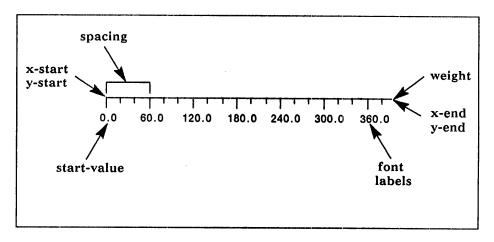
gwin:ruler

Flavor

The ruler graphics entity. A ruler is always parallel to one of the edges of the window, but it can increment from either end.

Creating the Object

12.13.1 The following instance variables, initialization options, and methods define a ruler.



:font font

Initialization Option of gwin:ruler

Default: fonts:cptfont

Sets the font for the labels for the tick marks.

:labels labels

Initialization Option of gwin:ruler

Gettable. Default: nil

Sets a list of real numbers used to label the tick marks.

:spacing spacing

Initialization Option of gwin:ruler

Default: 20.

Sets the spacing between tick points.

:start-value start-value

Initialization Option of gwin:ruler

Default: 0.

Sets the starting value for the tick marks.

gwin:tick-x-points gwin:tick-y-points Instance Variable of gwin:ruler Instance Variable of gwin:ruler

Sets a list of the x or y coordinates for the tick marks.

:weight weight

Initialization Option of gwin:ruler

Gettable, settable. Default: 2.

Sets the line thickness for the ruler.

:x-start x-start

Default: 50.

:y-start y-start

Default: 50.

:**x-end** x**-end** 

Default: 100.

Default: 100.

:y-end y-end

Initialization Option of gwin:ruler

Initialization Option of gwin:ruler

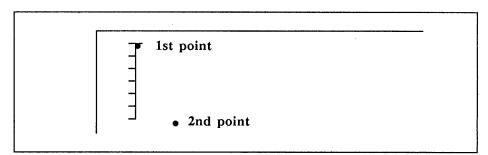
Initialization Option of gwin:ruler

Initialization Option of gwin:ruler

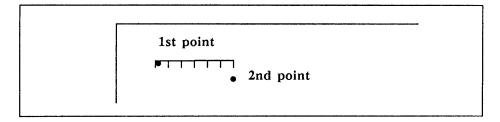
Sets the approximate x and y coordinates for the starting and ending points. If the line defined by x-start, y-start and x-end, y-end is not parallel to one of the sides of the window, the end points of the ruler are adjusted to make it parallel, as follows:

- If the absolute value of the difference between x-start and x-end is greater than the absolute value of the difference between y-start and y-end, the ruler is parallel to the horizontal sides of the window, and the length of the ruler is the absolute value of the difference between x-start and x-end.
- Otherwise, the ruler is parallel to the vertical sides of the window, and the length of the ruler is the absolute value of the difference between *y-start* and *y-end*.

For example, with the following end points, the ruler would appear as follows:



The ruler appears with its starting point at the first point drawn. Similarly:



## Manipulating the Object

12.13.2 The following standard methods are defined for rulers. See paragraph 12.9, Standard Operations on Graphic Objects, for a detailed description of their operation.

:distance from-x from-yMethod of gwin:ruler:draw windowMethod of gwin:ruler:edit-parametersMethod of gwin:ruler:fasd-formMethod of gwin:ruler:move dx dyMethod of gwin:ruler:scale sx &optional (sy sx) ignoreMethod of gwin:ruler:undraw windowMethod of gwin:ruler

:edge-point window & optional transform

Method of gwin:ruler

Returns the x and y coordinates for a point that is used for highlighting. The lower right corner of the extents is returned if that point is in the window. Otherwise, the closest point to the mouse cursor is returned. If *transform* is non-nil, this ruler is part of a subpicture, and *transform* holds the subpicture translations.

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Method of gwin:ruler

Returns a copy of the ruler. This overrides the :copy method from basic-graphics-mixin.

The ruler flavor includes a separate :transform method because a ruler is actually a subpicture (a collection of several objects).

#### :transform transform

Initialization Option of gwin:ruler

Gettable, settable. Default: An array that performs no transformations

Sets the initial transformation to be used. *transform* is a 3-by-3 matrix that contains scaling, translating, and rotational information for the translating points.

#### Raster Object Flavor

12.14 The graphics window system uses this flavor to create raster objects.

#### gwin:raster-object

Flavor

The definition of the raster graphics entity. The raster pattern is determined by the pixels set in gwin:bitarray. In gwin:bitarray, the array of pixels for the object start at the coordinates (gwin:xstart, gwin:ystart) and have the dimensions gwin:width and gwin:height.

#### gwin:\*current-cache-for-raster-objects\*

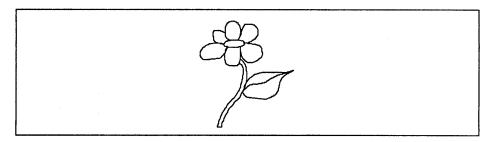
Defparameter

When this variable is t (the default), raster objects contain a current cache, which is used to hold a scaled version of the raster image so that it can be bitblted to the screen. This prevents redrawing the image more than necessary. The current cache is a  $1024 \times 1024 \times 1$  bit array on a monochrome system and a  $1024 \times 1024 \times 8$  bit array on a color system. Eliminating the use of the current cache by setting this variable to nil saves on memory usage but causes the image to be redrawn more often when scaling.

NOTE: Raster objects always require large amounts of memory and disk space on color systems so their use should be limited.

#### Creating the Object

12.14.1 The following instance variables, initialization options, and methods define a raster object.



:bitarray bitarray

Initialization Option of gwin:raster-object

Default: nil

Sets the raster pattern of the raster object.

:height height

:width width

Initialization Option of gwin:raster-object

Default: 0.

Initialization Option of gwin:raster-object

Default: 0.

Sets the total height or width, respectively, of the raster object.

:xscale xscale

Initialization Option of gwin:raster-object

Default: 1.

Initialization Option of gwin:raster-object

:yscale yscale Default: 1.

:cur-height cur-height

Initialization Option of gwin:raster-object

Default: nil

Initialization Option of gwin:raster-object

:cur-width cur-width

Default: nil

initialization option of gwinituster object

Sets the scaling factor for the x or the y direction. This scaling factor, when applied to the total height or width, produces the current height or width.

:xstart xstart

Initialization Option of gwin:raster-object

Default: 0.

:ystart ystart

Initialization Option of gwin:raster-object

Default: 0.

Sets the coordinates of the upper left corner of the raster object.

### Manipulating the Object

12.14.2 The following standard methods are defined for raster objects. See the paragraph 12.9, Standard Operations on Graphic Objects, for a detailed description of their operation.

:distance from-x from-yMethod of gwin:raster-object:draw windowMethod of gwin:raster-object:edit-parametersMethod of gwin:raster-object:fasd-formMethod of gwin:raster-object:move dx dyMethod of gwin:raster-object:scale sx &optional (sy sx) &rest ignoreMethod of gwin:raster-object:undraw on-windowMethod of gwin:raster-object

:edge-point the-window & optional transform

Method of gwin:raster-object

Returns the x and y coordinates of a point that is used for highlighting. The lower right corner of the raster rectangle is returned unless that point is outside the window; if that point is outside the window, the point on the rectangle closest to the mouse is returned. If *transform* is non-nil, this raster object is part of a subpicture, and *transform* holds the subpicture translations.

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Method of gwin:raster-object

Returns a copy of the raster object. This overrides the :copy method from basic-graphics-mixin. The bitblt arrays are copied separately.

#### Picture Object

12.15 Pictures are a way of grouping graphic entities. Subpictures are used to group several entities into a single, larger unit. Background pictures are used for reference.

#### Subpicture Flavor

12.15.1 A subpicture is a collection of other graphics entities that are drawn relative to the subpicture origin. Subpictures are used for constructing an object that is a composite of several objects. For example, in a circuit design application, a subpicture could be used for creating each type of gate once.

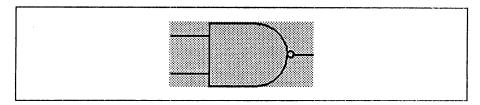
#### gwin:subpicture

Flavor

The subpicture graphics entity. If the subpicture has a fill color, it is drawn on a rectangle of the specified fill color.

#### Creating the Object

12.15.1.1 The following initialization options and methods define a subpicture.



:edge-color edge-color

Initialization Option of gwin:subpicture

Default: nil

Sets the color of the border that surrounds the subpicture.

:entities entities

Initialization Option of gwin:subpicture

Gettable. Default: An instance of the gwin:rectangle flavor

:set-entities new-entities & optional (update-self t)

Method of gwin:subpicture

Sets a list of the objects that are included in the subpicture. If *update-self* is non-nil, :set-entities updates the subpicture instance.

:margin margin

Initialization Option of gwin:subpicture

Gettable, settable. Default: 3.

Sets the margin width for the subpicture.

:name name

Initialization Option of gwin:subpicture

Gettable, settable. Default: "", the empty string

Sets a string that is the name for the subpicture.

:weight weight

Initialization Option of gwin:subpicture

Gettable, settable. Default: 2.

Sets the line thickness of the border around the subpicture.

:x-origin x-origin :y-origin

Initialization Option of gwin:subpicture

Initialization Option of gwin:subpicture

Sets the coordinates of the upper left corner of the raster object.

:x-scale x-scale :y-scale y-scale

Initialization Option of gwin:subpicture Initialization Option of gwin:subpicture

Sets the scaling factor for the x or the y direction.

:transform transform

Initialization Option of gwin:subpicture

Gettable, settable. Default: An array that performs no transformations

Sets the initial transformation to be used. *transform* is a 3-by-3 matrix that contains scaling, translating, and rotational information for the translating points.

Manipulating the Object

12.15.1.2 The following standard methods are defined for subpictures. See paragraph 12.9, Standard Operations on Graphic Objects, for a detailed description of their operation.

:distance from-x from-yMethod of gwin:subpicture:draw windowMethod of gwin:subpicture:edit-parametersMethod of gwin:subpicture:fasd-formMethod of gwin:subpicture:move dx dyMethod of gwin:subpicture:scale sx &optional (sy sx) (scale-thickness? t)Method of gwin:subpicture:undraw windowMethod of gwin:subpicture

:edge-point window & optional transform

Method of gwin:subpicture

Returns the x and y coordinates for a point that is used for highlighting. The first edge point in the window is returned. If *transform* is non-nil, this sub-picture is part of another subpicture, and *transform* holds the subpicture translations.

:copy

Method of gwin:subpicture

Returns a copy of the subpicture. This overrides the :copy method from gwin:basic-graphics-mixin.

#### Background Picture Flavor

12.15.2 The background picture entity is similar to the subpicture entity except that objects in background pictures cannot be selected or edited. Background pictures are typically used for reference or as template figures. You can create background pictures by using the :create-and-add-entity-to-front method of gwin:world.

#### gwin: backgroundpic

Flavor

The background picture graphics entity.

Background pictures are drawn according to the transformation for the current window. If this transformation is different from the one originally used to create the entities, they may appear to be a different size or to be shifted along some axis. The entities are actually the same, but the window used to view them has changed position.

The following methods are defined for background pictures. Each of these methods overrides the standard method of the same name. See paragraph 12.9, Standard Operations on Graphic Objects, for a detailed description of their operation.

:distance &rest ignore :edit-parameters &rest ignore :fasd-form :highlight ignore :unhighlight ignore

Method of gwin:backgroundpic Method of gwin:backgroundpic Method of gwin:backgroundpic Method of gwin:backgroundpic Method of gwin:backgroundpic

### TYPEOUT WINDOWS

# Using Typeout Windows

13.1 If a program normally displays a single updated picture, typeout windows provide an easy way to print a stream of unrelated output from time to time.

For example, Zmacs windows normally present a continuously updated display of an editor buffer. But some editor commands are designed to print output, such as a list of help commands (shown in the following figure). This output cannot be printed conveniently on the editor window itself, because that window is set up to maintain its standard display of an editor buffer and is not suitable for displaying anything else. Instead, a special kind of window, called a typeout window, receives the output. The typeout window exists as an inferior of the editor window. Other programs that maintain updating displays, such as the Inspector and Peek, also use typeout windows for this purpose.

```
Help:
Type one of the following characters to choose an option:

C Print out documentation for the command on a given key.

D bescribe a command, specified by name.

O Print documentation of editor user option variable.

A List commands whose names contain a given string.

V List all editor options whose names contain a given substring.

U Undo the last undoable command done in the current buffer.

L List the last sixty keystrokes typed inside the editor.

S List the special characters available in this buffer.

W List all characters that invoke a given command.

You may continue choosing options until you exit.

Press the space bar to exit this command.

Any other non-option key will exit and be executed.

(check-type font font "a font object")

(LET* ((FONT-SIZE (IF (and (font-fill-pointer font) (NOT (ZEROP (FONT-FIL
FONT-FILL-POINTER FONT)

;; ELSE
(LENGTH (FONT-CHAR-WIDTH-TABLE FONT))))
```

A typeout window is an inferior of another window, such as the editor or Peek display window, and grows over its superior as output is sent to it. The output starts at the top of the typeout window, which is also the top of its superior, and proceeds downward. The typeout window always keeps track of how far down output has proceeded so that the superior window can eventually find out how much of its permanent display has been overwritten by the typeout window and therefore needs to be redisplayed. A horizontal line or window shade appears just below the point of lowest output, enabling the user to separate the typeout from the remains of the permanent display. If output to the typeout window proceeds far enough, it wraps around to the top of the screen. The typeout window then records that the entire superior has been overwritten and no longer displays any horizontal line. You can suppress the horizontal line if desired.

### w:basic-typeout-window

Flavor

Required flavor: w:essential-mouse

The base flavor for all kinds of typeout windows. This flavor is actually a mixin and is not instantiable by itself.

w:basic-typeout-window provides for methods and wrappers that cause the :mouse-moves and :mouse-buttons messages to be passed either to the typeout window or to its superior, depending on whether the typeout window has grown down to where the mouse is.

#### w:typeout-window

Flavor

The flavor normally used for actual typeout windows.

#### w:typeout-window-with-mouse-sensitive-items

Flavor

Provides the :item method for including mouse-sensitive rectangles among the typeout.

#### :bottom-reached

Method of w:basic-typeout-window

Returns the greatest y position overwritten by the typeout window. The y position is a cursor position relative to the typeout window. The horizontal line (typeout window border), when enabled, appears at this position, provided the y position is not 0 or equal to the inside bottom of the window.

The value of this method is nil when the typeout window is not active.

### w: \*enable-typeout-window-borders\*

Variable

Default: t

Whether the bottom of the area used by the typeout window is marked by a horizontal line. When the variable is non-nil, a line appears if the typeout window has not used its entire area (if it has not wrapped around or executed a :clear-screen). When the variable is nil, the horizontal line does not appear.

# Activation and Deactivation

13.2 A typeout window is deactivated when not in use. Any attempt to send output to the typeout window automatically activates and exposes the typeout window because this window uses the :expose-for-typeout method as its deexposed typeout action.

Exposing the typeout window automatically causes it to become the selection substitute of one of its ancestors. Which ancestor is determined by the situation; it is the nearest ancestor in the existing path of selection substitutes. This is the nearest ancestor that can be used for the purpose and actually make the typeout window be selected. The nearest ancestor is the typeout window's direct superior only if that superior is selected. For example, if you press META-X in Zmacs and then press HELP, the help message prints on the main editor window's typeout window, but that editor window is not selected (the minibuffer is). The typeout window substitutes for the editor frame rather than for the nonselected editor window immediately above it.

When the program wants to clear the typeout and put back its standard display, the program must first deactivate the typeout window using the :deactivate method.

When the typeout window is deactivated, it sends a :remove-selection-substitute message to whichever ancestor it decided to substitute for. As a result, if the typeout window is still that ancestor's selection substitute, the substitute is set back to what it was before the typeout window was exposed. If the ancestor's substitute has changed since then, the ancestor is left alone.

The primary purpose of making the typeout window a selection substitute is to make its cursor blinker blink. A typeout window by default shares the input buffer of its superior, so the window selected does not affect the reading of the keyboard input. A separate feature of typeout windows turns the superior's blinkers off completely while the typeout is exposed.

#### :expose-for-typeout

#### Method of w:basic-typeout-window

Prepares the typeout window for typeout. The typeout window marks itself exposed while leaving the bits of its superior on the screen. The typeout window initializes itself as empty and its :bottom-reached as 0. The typeout window also finds a suitable ancestor and makes itself that ancestor's selection substitute. In normal use, this procedure selects the typeout window.

#### :active-p

#### Method of w:basic-typeout-window

Returns non-nil if the typeout window is active, which is the case if and only if typeout is currently visible in the typeout window.

#### Windows With Inferior Typeout Windows

13.3 To make a window possess an inferior typeout window, include the w:essential-window-with-typeout-mixin flavor in it. The typeout window is not in the window superior's list of inferiors.

#### w:essential-window-with-typeout-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:essential-mouse

The basic mixin that gives a window the ability to manage a typeout window as its inferior. This flavor creates a typeout window and provides the methods to handle communication with the typeout window.

#### w:window-with-typeout-mixin

Flavor

Prevents screen management of this window's inferiors from interfering with the operation of typeout windows.

#### :typeout-window

Method of w:essential-window-with-typeout-mixin

Returns a pointer to the window's typeout window.

:typeout-window (flavor-name options...)

Initialization Option of w:essential-window-with-typeout-mixin

Specifies what kind of typeout window to create. The car of the value, flavorname, is the name of the flavor of typeout window to use; and the cdr, options, is a list of alternating options and values to pass to make-instance. If options is not specified or if it is nil, no typeout window is actually created.

#### :turn-on-blinkers-for-typeout :turn-off-blinkers-for-typeout

Method of w:essential-window-with-typeout-mixin Method of w:essential-window-with-typeout-mixin

Executes when the mouse moves into an area not used by the typeout window. These methods turn on or turn off, respectively, any blinkers associated with using the mouse. The definitions actually provided by the w:essential-window-with-typeout-mixin flavor do nothing; these methods exist so that you can add methods to them.

A typeout window does \*\*MORE\*\* processing if and only if \*\*MORE\*\* processing is enabled for its superior. The usual motivation for using a typeout window is that the superior is to be used for something other than sequential output; therefore, \*\*MORE\*\* processing is usually not desired on the superior. It is not desirable, however, to simply disable \*\*MORE\*\* processing for the superior because doing so disables it for the typeout window as well and because the user can reenable \*\*MORE\*\* processing for both windows with the TERM M keystroke sequence.

#### :more-p

#### Method of w:basic-typeout-window

Returns t if \*\*MORE\*\* processing is enabled, or nil if the processing is disabled. The :more-p method is passed along to the superior so that the user who types the TERM M keystroke sequence need not be aware of the distinction between the typeout window and its superior.

#### :set-more-p new-more-p

#### Method of w:basic-typeout-window

Changes \*\*MORE\*\* processing to the processing specified by new-more-p: t to enable \*\*MORE\*\* processing or nil to disable \*\*MORE\*\* processing.

#### w:intrinsic-no-more-mixin

Flavor

Prevents \*\*MORE\*\* processing unconditionally without saying that it is disabled. Programs and the user think they enable and disable \*\*MORE\*\* processing for the window using the :more-p and :set-more-p methods and the TERM M command, but only the typeout window is affected. This flavor is intended for use in superiors of typeout windows.

The following code shows another way to disable \*\*MORE\*\* processing:

```
(defmethod (my-display-window-with-typeout-window :more-exception) ()
  (setf (w:sheet-more-flag) 0))
```

#### Delaying Redisplay After Typeout

13.4 Before redisplaying, the typeout window's superior must be able to determine whether part of its last display has been overwritten by the typeout window and therefore must be redisplayed. The :bottom-reached method returns the amount of the superior that the typeout window has overwritten. The typeout window must also be deactivated so that more typeout, occurring after the redisplay, works properly.

The following fragment of code shows how general scroll windows delay redisplay. Similar code can be used for any window that must redisplay itself after being covered by a typeout window, such as a Zmacs buffer.

```
;; Assumes w:typeout-window is an instance of a typeout window.
(defmethod (w:scroll-window-with-typeout-mixin :before :redisplay) (&rest ignore)
(when (funcall w:typeout-window :active-p)
                                                           ;; btm-reached is the number of lines of the
   (let ((btm-reached (min w:screen-lines
                                                           ;; display that were clobbered by typeout.
                            (1+ (truncate (send w:typeout-window:bottom-reached)
                                            w:line-height)))))
   (funcall w:typeout-window :deactivate)
    (dotimes (lines-clobbered btm-reached)
      ;; Mark lines as clobbered.
    (setf (aref w:screen-image lines-clobbered 0) nil)
      (setf (aref w:screen-image lines-clobbered 1) -1)
      (setf (aref w:screen-image lines-clobbered 2) -1))
      ;; Erase the clobbered area.
    (send self :draw-rectangle (w:sheet-inside-width) (* btm-reached w:line-height)
                                  0 0 w:alu-andca))))
```

The editor normally updates its display after each command. After a command that prints typeout, however, it is important not to update the permanent display immediately; doing so makes the typeout disappear almost as soon as it appears. The same consideration applies to other programs that use typeout windows.

After a command has produced typeout, redisplay should be delayed until the user types another input character. If that character is a space, it is discarded. Otherwise, the character is interpreted as a command.

The program decides whether to wait before redisplaying by invoking the :incomplete-p method on the typeout window. This method reads a flag that is set whenever output is sent to the typeout window and that can be cleared by the program's command loop between commands. The flag, then, indicates whether the typeout window was used during the last command. The following code illustrates this technique:

```
(let ((*query-io* typeout-window))
   (do-forever
       ;; Clear the flag.
      (send *query-io* :make-complete)
      ;; Read and execute one command.
      (process-command (read-char *query-io*))
       (when (send *query-io* :incomplete-p)
          ;; If this command printed some typeout,
           ; delay redisplay by waiting for next input char.
          (let ((ch (read-char *query-io*)))
          (unless (eq ch #\space)
             ;; Anything but Space, execute as a command.
             ;; Because Space is not unread, it allows immediate redisplay.
             (unread-char *query-io* ch))))
       ;; Redisplay after each command.
       (unless (send *query-io* :listen)
          ;; Normal redisplay must deactivate the typeout window;
          ;; see the previous example.
          (redisplay-normal-display))))
```

Note that this command loop follows the editor's practice of not redisplaying when there is input available. As a result, when the character read is not a #\space, input causes unread-char to prevent redisplay. Then the same character is read again at the top of the loop and processed as a command. If this command also prints typeout, its typeout adds to that already on the typeout window. If this command does not print typeout, the old typeout is erased after the command is executed.

#### :incomplete-p

#### Method of w:basic-typeout-window

Returns the window's incomplete-flag. It is t if the command loop should wait for the next character before deactivating the typeout window.

#### :make-complete

#### Method of w:basic-typeout-window

Sets the w:incomplete-p instance variable to nil. A command loop can use :make-complete to clear the flag after examining it.

Certain functions, such as fquery, perform this method on the I/O stream to tell the program not to wait before redisplaying, as it normally would do. The idea here is that the fquery question is not worth preserving on the screen once the user has answered it.

#### :make-incomplete

#### Method of w:basic-typeout-window

Sets the w:incomplete-p instance variable to t. All the standard output stream methods also do this.

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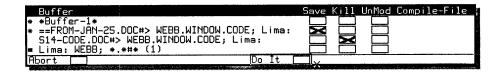
### CHOICE FACILITIES

#### Introduction

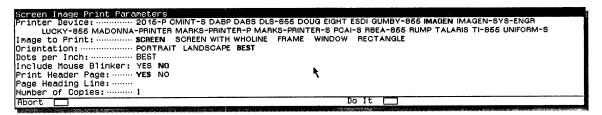
- 14.1 The window system contains several facilities to allow a user to make choices. All these facilities work by displaying an arrangement of choices in a window. The user can select a choice by pointing to it with the mouse. The details (how the choices are specified, what the user interaction looks like, and what happens when a choice is selected) vary widely. The available choice facilities are the following:
- Menus can be simple command menus, temporary or permanent, single column or multicolumn, scrolling or nonscrolling, highlighting or not highlighting, and so on. The items in the menu can be dynamically computed and put in different fonts, among other things.



■ Multiple choice menus offer yes or no choices for several items. An example of a multiple choice menu is the Kill or Save Buffers menu from the Zmacs editor.



■ Choose variable values menus enable a user to choose from several supplied values or to enter a value. An example of a choose variable values window is the Screen Image Print Parameters Window, invoked when you press TERM Q.



This section also discusses two other choice facilities: mouse-sensitive typeout and margin choices. This section does *not* discuss another facility that can be used as a choice facility: the universal command loop and suggestions. These are discussed in the *Explorer Tools and Utilities* manual.

Each choice facility is implemented by window flavors. For those who do not want to create their own window, each facility provides an easy-to-use function interface that creates a window of the appropriate flavor. The function interfaces are described first in each paragraph, followed by documentation on how to create and use a window that has the facility.

This section does not discuss how to modify these facilities to provide your own specialized versions, except in the simplest ways. If you want to customize your own facilities, read the code that implements the facility in question (for example, window instance variables and internal methods that you might want to add :before or :after methods to, or redefine).

Some portions of these facilities execute in the process that calls them, while other portions execute in the mouse process. All Lisp evaluation that concerns the user takes place in the user's process when the facilities described in this section are in use, with a very few exceptions that are noted when they occur. Thus, the user can freely use side effects (both special variables and the **throw** function) and need not worry that an error in the program will interfere with mouse tracking.

#### Menus Facility

14.2 A menu is an array of choices, each identified by a word or short phrase. You can select one of the choices by first moving the mouse near it, which causes it to be highlighted (a box appears around it), and then clicking any mouse button. The following code produces a simple menu that contains three mouse-sensitive items.



What happens when you select one of the choices depends on the particular type of menu. Typically, the choices in a menu are commands to a program or choices for the data that a command will operate on.

You can allow the system automatically to choose the arrangement of the choices and the size and shape of the window, or you can control these features explicitly.

To see an example of a menu, click the righthand mouse button twice to invoke the System menu.

#### Menu Items

14.2.1 A menu has a list of items, each representing one of the choices offered. An item tells the menu what to display and what to do if the user selects it (clicks on it). What to do specifies both what value to return and a possible side effect.

Response to selection of an item is implemented by the :execute method of the w:menu flavor, which is always sent in the user process rather than in the mouse process. Thus, side effects occur in the appropriate process. The returned value comes back to the user from w:menu-choose, :choose, or :execute, depending on how the menu is used.

An item can take one of the following forms:

- A string or symbol that is both what is displayed and what is returned. There are no side effects.
- A cons of the form (name . atom) where name (a symbol or a string) is what to display, and atom is what to return. There are no side effects.
- A list of the form (name value) where name is a string or a symbol to display, and value is any arbitrary object to return. There are no side effects.
- A list of the form (name type arg option1 arg1 option2 arg2...). This is the most general form. name is a string or a symbol to display, type is a keyword symbol specifying what to do, and arg is an argument to this symbol. The options are keyword symbols specifying additional features desired, and the args following them are arguments to those options.
- An icon (a graphical object), which can appear in place of a string in any of the preceding forms.

Table 14-1 describes the keywords that can be the type value in the most general form of menu. If nil is supplied as a menu item, it is ignored completely. It takes up no space in the menu.

Each menu item can include one or more of the modifier keywords described in Table 14-2.

The first example of menu items is a list of three items that display as FOO, BAR, and WIN, and that return the symbols foo, bar, and win when chosen:



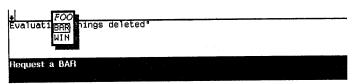
```
(w:menu-choose '(foo bar win))
```

The next example is another way of specifying the same thing, using more general syntax:



A third way puts FOO in italics and adds strings for the mouse documentation window:

With BAR selected, the documentation appears in the mouse documentation window.



Keyword	Description of Argument			
	Description of Argument			
:buttons	A list of three menu items. The item actually chosen (that is, the item to be executed) is one of these three, depending on which mouse button was clicked. The order in the list is ( <i>left middle right</i> ). The three menu items in the list are used only for execution, not for display, so it does not matter what they have as the string to be displayed (it can be nil). You should put :font or :documentation keywords in the main menu item, the one that contains :buttons.			
:eval	A form to be evaluated. Its value is returned.			
:funcall	A function, with no arguments, to be called. Its value is returned.			
:kbd	Usually either a character code, which is to be treated as if it were typed from the keyboard, or a list (a blip), which is a command to the program. In either case, the argument is sent to the selected window via the :force-kbd-input method. The use of :kbd produces an effect like using a command menu.			
:menu	A menu instance to choose from; the menu is sent a :choose method, and the result is returned. Normally, the argument is a pop-up menu. If the argument is a symbol, it is evaluated.			
:menu-choose	A list of the form (label . menu-items). The label and menu-items are passed as arguments to w:menu-choose, popping up another menu. The result of choosing from that menu is returned. menu-items is another list of menu items.			
no-select	Ignored but must be present to convert the item to the form that has a type keyword in it. This item cannot be selected. Moving the mouse near it does not cause it to be highlighted. This item is useful for putting comments, headings, and blank lines into menus.			
value	A form that is returned unevaluated. There are no side effects.			
window-op	A function with three arguments: the window the mouse was in before this menu popped up, and the x and y coordinates of the mouse at that time. This item type is handled by the :execute-window-op method of the w:menu flavor.			

']	Table 14-2	Menu	Item	Mod	ifier	Keyv	vords
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Keyword	Description
:bindings	A list of bindings to be made, suitable for passing to the function progw. These bindings are made before evaluating, before using funcall, before sending a message to a window, and so forth. If :buttons is used with :bindings, the :bindings must appear inside the menu item within the :buttons to have an effect on the final result.
:documentation	A string or list that briefly describes this menu item. When the mouse is pointing at this item, the documentation list or string is displayed in the mouse documentation window. The structure of the list is discussed in paragraph 11.6, How Windows Handle the Mouse, under the description of the :who-line-documentation-string method of windows.
:font	One of the following: a font object, a symbol whose value is the font, or a font purpose (such as :menu-standout). The item is displayed in that font instead of the menu's default font.
:color	A value or name of a color from the color map. An example of a name is w:green. The system-defined color names are listed in Table 19-2, Named Colors in the Default Color Map. Note that you must use a comma before a symbol name. The color is used when writing the item in the menu.

Other type value keywords and modifier keywords are used in the next example. The value returned is a symbol such as read or write, the value returned by the function read, or whatever the buffer-op-menu returns:

```
(setq buffer-op-menu (make-instance 'w:menu
                                                                       The Buffer Op Menu
             :pop-up t :label "The Buffer Op Menu"
                                                                        :his-buffer
:hat buffer
              :item-list '(("this-buffer" :value here)
                             ("that buffer" :value there))))
(w:menu-choose '(("File" :buttons
                                ((nil :value read)
                                 (nil :value write)
                                 (nil :menu-choose
                                                       ;; Item list of menu obtained for click-right on File.
                      ("File Operation"
                           ("Read"
                                      :value read
                                                      :documentation "Read a file.")
                           ("Write" :value write :documentation "Write a file.")
("Rename" :value rename :documentation "Rename a file.")
  ename Delete
                           ("Delete" :value delete :documentation "Delete a file."))))
                           :documentation (:mouse-L-1 "Read file"
                                                :mouse-M-1 "Write file"
                                               :mouse-R-1 "Menu"))
                       ;; The following makes a blank line. ("" :no-select nil)
                       ("Buffer" :menu buffer-op-menu
                                   :documentation "Operate on this buffer")
                       ("Read" : buttons
                             ((nil :eval (read-char)) ; Reads one character
(nil :eval (read-char) ; Reads one character
                                    :bindings ((base 10.)))
                             :documentation
                                 (:mouse-L-1 "Read a single character"
                                  :mouse-M-1 "Read a single number, base 10")
   )))
```

The following example shows the use of :bindings. The argument to the :bindings keyword temporarily binds the beep-type special variable to a two-column menu that contains all the beeping functions in a pop-up menu. When the user executes the outer w:menu-choose, a menu with a single item, select beep and play it, is displayed surrounded by white space. If the user clicks on this item, it invokes a second menu using the :funcall beep-play argument. This second menu uses the menu item list produced by :bindings.

```
(defun beep-play ()
  (beep beep-type))

(defvar beep-type nil)
```

The following example illustrates how to make different choices appear in different colors.

#### Column Specification List

14.2.2 A column specification list, similar to a menu item list, specifies menu items. In addition to the data included in a menu item list, the column specification list details which column of a multicolumn menu the item appears in.

Each element of a column specification list specifies one column of the menu, and looks like this:

```
(heading item-list-form . options...)
```

where:

heading is a string to be displayed as a :no-select item at the top of the column.

item-list-form is a form to be evaluated to produce the list of items for the column. It should have no side effects and can be evaluated in any process.

options are modifier keywords and values. Possible values are :font and :sort.

- :font specifies the font for the column heading. It accepts as a value one of the following: a font object, a symbol whose value is the font, or a font purpose (such as :menu-standout).
- :sort applies to this column only. It accepts any value accepted by the :sort initialization option of the w:menu flavor, as described in paragraph 14.2.8, Menu Format.

Column specification lists are used when the :multicolumn keyword of w:menu-choose is t and with w:multicolumn-menu-choose.

#### Icons

14.2.3 An *icon* can be used in a menu item list or in a column specification list anywhere that a string can be used. An icon appears as a graphic image. Icons can also be used for other purposes. For example, the arrows that point up or down in the scroll bar are icons.

The icon object—the object manipulated by the Explorer system—is a structure similar to a font object; in fact, an icon object uses the font structure with only the name, icon width, icon height, and baseline defined. An icon object also has an associated function that is used to draw the icon. You create an icon object using the w:make-simple-icon function rather than explicitly using the defstruct function. The w:draw-icon function draws the icon on the window.

w:make-simple-icon drawing-function icon-name width height &rest icon-args Function

Creates an icon instance and initializes it according to the arguments passed in

#### Arguments:

drawing-function — The function that draws the icon. This function, which actually determines how the icon will appear, should have the following arguments:

icon-object window x y item &rest additional-args

#### where:

icon-object is an instance of the icon defstruct. This object is typically created by the w:make-simple-icon function that calls the drawing function.

window specifies the window on which to draw the icon.

x and y are the coordinates in window where the upper left corner of *icon-object* is to be drawn.

item is the menu item for this icon.

additional-args should be the same as icon-args for w:make-simple-icon.

icon-name - The user-defined name of the icon, used for sorting.

width, height — Width or height of the icon, respectively, in pixels. These values are used to specify the size of the area that is boxed when the user moves the mouse cursor over the icon.

icon-args — Any arguments to be passed to drawing-function.

Draws icon-object on window at coordinates x,y. item is the menu item for this icon; icon-color is the color of the icon, which is significant only on color systems. Note that the first five arguments of w:draw-icon are the same as the first five arguments of the drawing-function argument to w:make-simple-icon.

For example, suppose you create an icon on a window that is *not* a menu. First, you would define a drawing function for the icon that determines its shape, size, and position. Then, you would use the w:draw-icon function to actually draw the icon. Note that, in this case, you specify the window and coordinates where to draw the icon. To remove the icon, refresh the window by pressing the CLEAR SCREEN key.

```
(defun simple-box-icon-drawing-function (ignore window x y ignore)
  "Draws a simple box icon."
  (let ((inside-x (+ x -1 (w:sheet-inside-left window)))
         (inside-y (+ y
                              (w:sheet-inside-top window))))
    (w:prepare-sheet (window)
       (sys:%draw-rectangle 50 25 inside-x inside-y w:alu-ior window))))
(w:draw-icon
  (w:make-simple-icon #'simple-box-icon-drawing-function 'box 50 25)
  w:selected-window 400 200)
;;; -*- Mode:Common-Lisp; Package:W; Fonts:(CPTFONT HL128 HL1281) -*-
(defun simple-box-icon-drawing-function (ignore window x y ignore)
   "Draws a simple box icon."
  (let ((inside-x (+ x -1 (u:sheet-inside-left window)))
  (inside-y (+ y (u:sheet-inside-top window)))
                         (w:sheet-inside-top window))))
    (w:prepare-sheet (window)
      (sys:2draw-rectangle 50 25 inside-x inside-y w:alu-ior window))))
(drau-icon
  (w:make-simple-icon #'simple-box-icon-drawing-function 'box 50 25)
  w:selected-window 400 200)
```

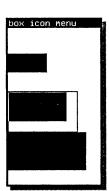
However, if you invoke a menu of icons, the menu code itself calls w:drawicon and supplies the window and coordinates. The following code creates a menu with a single box icon. This code uses the same drawing function as for the previous example. Note that, in this code, you do not specify the window or the coordinates; these are supplied automatically by the menu facility.

You can create shapes other than boxes. The following code creates a menu that includes a box and a triangle. This code also uses the drawing function defined in the first example.



You can also make more general drawing functions if you want to create a series of icons that are related geometrically. Note that this menu is a single column; drawing functions to enable multiple column menus with icons are more complex than those that assume the menu has only one column.

```
(defun general-box-icon-drawing-function (ignore window x y ignore width)
  "Draws a simple box icon."
  (let ((inside-x (+ x -1 (w:sheet-inside-left window)))
        (inside-y (+ y
                           (w:sheet-inside-top window))))
    (w:prepare-sheet (window)
      (sys:%draw-rectangle (* 30 width) (* 15 width)
                                      inside-x inside-y w:alu-ior window))))
(w:menu-choose
  (append
    (loop for width from 2 to 4
             collect
              `(,(w:make-simple-icon #'general-box-icon-drawing-function
               box (* width 35) (* width 20) width):documentation "Several graduated boxes"
 :columns 1
 :label "box icon menu")
```



The following code presents a more complex example of using icons. This code creates a number of icons in a scrollable menu. The icons are similar to the arrows used to mark the scroll bar. The menu-with-icons function actually creates the menu with its icons; simple-icon-drawing-function invokes an internal function, w:scroll-bar-draw-icon, to draw each icon within the menu. This internal function handles multiple-column menus for this icon.

```
(defun menu-with-icons ()
  "Bring up a menu with some simple icons in it."
  (w:menu-choose
    (append
      ;; Upward pointing icons.
    (loop for width from 5 to 100 by 3
            collect `(,(w:make-simple-icon #'simple-icon-drawing-function
                                             'arrow width 20. width 20. t)
                      :value :foo :documentation
                       ,(format nil "An arrow of width ~D" width)))
      ;; Downward pointing icons.
      (loop for width from 5 to 50 by 3
            collect `(,(w:make-simple-icon #'simple-icon-drawing-function
                                             'arrow width 30. width 30 nil)
                      :value :foo :documentation
                       ,(format nil "An arrow of width ~D" width))))
    :geometry '(0 3 200.)
                              ; Make the menu small so it must be scrolled to show all the items (icons).
  :label "A menu with icons in it"))
(defun simple-icon-drawing-function (ignore window x y ignore
                                      arrow-width arrow-height &optional (upward-pointing t))
  "Draws a simple arrow icon of specified dimensions and position which points in a
  specified direction."
  (let ((inside-x (+ x -1 (w:sheet-inside-left window)))
        (inside-y (+ y
                           (w:sheet-inside-top window))))
    (w:prepare-sheet (window)
      (w:scroll-bar-draw-icon (w:sheet-screen-array window)
                                inside-x inside-v
                                arrow-width arrow-height upward-pointing))))
```

When you execute menu-with-icons, the initial display is similar to the following:



If you scroll to the bottom of the menu, the display is similar to the following:



The next example presents a menu of icons with each icon drawn in a different color using the default color map. Note that some choices seem to disappear because the contrast between the color of the icon and the background color is insufficient.

```
(defun circle-icon (ignore window x y ignore radius color)
   "Helper function to draw a circle as an icon"
   (let ((inside-x (+ x 15 (w:sheet-inside-left window)))
          (inside-y (+ y 12 (w:sheet-inside-top window)))
   (tv:prepare-sheet (window)
       (send window
          :string-out-explicit (format nil "Color ~d" color)
          (+ 15 inside-x) inside-y nil nil fonts:tr12i
               (w:sheet-char-aluf window) O nil nil color)
       (send window :draw-filled-circle inside-x inside-y radius color)
)))
(defun display-color-icons ()
   (w:menu-choose
       (append
          (loop for color from 0 to 23; build a list of icons,
                                        ; each a different color
           collect
            `(,(w:make-simple-icon #'circle-icon 'circle
                                                   90 26 12 color)
               :documentation , (format nil "A circle of color ~d" color)
               )))
       :columns 1
       :item-alignment :center
       :foreground-color w:white
       :background-color w:black
       :label `(:string " Color Selections: "
       :background ,w:dark-blue
       :color ,w:white)
)
```

If you want to define an icon with additional slots, then you define a new defstruct and use the include defstruct option to include the icon definition in the new defstruct.

You should also define a printer function for the new **defstruct** similar to the one defined for the icon **defstruct**. (A printer function defines how the icon name is printed.) The following is an example of a printer function:

For example, suppose you create an icon instance with the following code:

```
(setq my-icon
  (w:make-simple-icon #'simple-box-icon-drawing-function 'box 50 25))
```

If you then evaluate my-icon, the system returns

```
#<w::icon box-50-25 23207100>
```

#### where:

```
box is the icon-font-name.50 is the icon-font-char-width.25 is the icon-font-char-height.
```

23207100 is an arbitrary memory location that changes for each icon instance.

#### Functions That Create Menus

14.2.4 The following functions create menus. The most general function, w:menu-choose, is discussed first, followed by two special cases of this function (w:multicolumn-menu-choose and w:multiple-menu-choose). Finally, two special functions, w:mouse-y-or-n-p and w:mouse-confirm, are discussed. These functions allow the user to answer yes or no to a specific question by either clicking on the window or moving the mouse outside of the window.

The Most 14.2.4.1 The w:menu-choose command can be used to create all general-General Function purpose menus.

```
w:menu-choose item-list &key (:abort-on-deexpose nil) (:columns nil)

(:command-menu nil) (:default-item nil) (:dynamic nil)

(:geometry nil) (:highlighted-items nil) (:highlighting nil)

(:io-buffer nil) (:item-alignment :left) (:label nil)

(:menu-margin-choices nil) (:multicolumn nil) (:near-mode '(:mouse))

(:permanent nil) (:pop-up t) (:scrolling-p t) (:sort nil)

(:superior w:mouse-sheet)

(:foreground-color w:*default-menu-foreground*)

(:background-color w:*default-menu-background*)

(:label-color w:*default-menu-label-foreground*)

(:label-background w:*default-menu-label-background*)
```

Creates a menu by using the w:menu flavor. You can specify various keywords to determine the most frequently used features of menus. w:menu-choose returns either nil (if the user moved the mouse out of the

menu or pressed the ABORT key) or two values (if the user chose an item): the value computed from the chosen item, and the item itself (an element of *item-list*).

If you do not specify any keywords, the function creates a pop-up menu and allows the user to make a choice with the mouse or the keyboard. When the choice is made, the menu disappears and the chosen item is executed. Note that if the user moves the mouse blinker just outside the menu, the menu does not disappear. This facility prevents inadvertent deexposure of a menu.

By default, the menu does not include a label, but it does include a scroll bar and scroll icons if all the choices do not fit within the menu (That is, the menu's scroll bar mode is :maximum. See paragraph 11.8.1, Scroll Bars, for more information about scroll bars and scroll bar modes.) If you specify a label but do not specify its position, the label appears at the top of the menu in a box.

w:menu-choose performs some validity checking to catch some keyword combinations that do not make sense. For example, a highlighting menu either must have margin choices, or be either a command menu or a permanent menu. If none of these cases apply, an error is signaled. w:menu-choose also verifies that the number of columns specified by :columns is the same as the number of columns listed in *item-list*.

Arguments:

- item-list A list of items as described at the beginning of paragraph 14.2.1, Menu Items. For multicolumn menus this is the column specification list instead as described in paragraph 14.2.2.
- :abort-on-deexpose Executes an abort item when the menu becomes deexposed without selecting an item.
  - If :abort-on-deexpose is nil (the default), this search is not made. Instead, nil is returned.
  - If :abort-on-deexpose is t, an attempt is made to find an abort item to execute when the menu becomes deexposed.
    - 1. The attempt to find an abort item starts by looking for a margin choice that has "Abort" as its value (case is not significant).
    - 2. If no abort margin choice is found, then an abort menu item is searched for.
    - 3. If no abort menu item is found, then no menu item is executed.
- :columns The number of columns in the menu. The default is nil, which means that the number of columns is determined from the geometry. If a value is specified for :columns, the value must be consistent with the number of columns used in the column specification list in item-list.
- :command-menu When specified as t, :command-menu causes menu selections to be placed into an I/O buffer as a blip. The default is nil, which means that this is not automatically done. If you specify :command-menu as t, you must also supply an I/O buffer. This keyword is explained in more detail in paragraph 14.2.6.1.
- :default-item The item over which the mouse is initially positioned. The value is either nil or is an item that is eq to an element of *item-list*. The default is nil, which means that the mouse is initially positioned in the center of the menu. This argument allows the user to select that item without moving the mouse.

- Recall that the second value returned by w:menu-choose is the item that was selected. If you save this value and use it as the :default-item in a subsequent call to w:menu-choose, the mouse is automatically positioned over the user's previous selection.
- :dynamic Determines whether *item-list* can be dynamically updated. A value of t allows dynamic updating. The default is nil. If you specify :dynamic as t, *item-list* is a symbol whose value can change. After the change, the :update-item-list method must be sent to the menu to cause it to reflect the new item list.
- :geometry A geometry list that specifies the layout and dimensions of the menu. The default is nil, which means that the layout is determined either from the number of items present or from the dimensions of the superior if there are too many items. See the description of the :set-geometry method of w:menu (paragraph 14.2.7.2, Elements of a Geometry List) for details about geometry lists.
- :highlighted-items A list of menu items that are initially highlighted. The elements of this list must be either eq to items in *item-list*, or nil. The default is nil, which means that no items are initially highlighted.
- :highlighting Determines whether to allow the user to select more than one choice before clicking on the margin choices. A value of t allows more than one choice; a value of nil (the default) does not. Menus that allow more than one choice are usually called multiple-choose menus. If you specify:highlighting as t, you should also specify margin choices. If you do not, the user can exit the menu only by moving the mouse outside the menu and clicking there, which always returns a value of nil.
- :io-buffer The I/O buffer for command menus. This must be specified if you specify :command-menu as t. The default is nil.
- :item-alignment The alignment of items within a column. Possible values are :left (the default), :center, or :right. See paragraph 14.2.8, Menu Format, for examples of the different alignments.
- :label Either the label of the menu, or nil if the menu is not to have a label. The default is nil. The exact appearance of the label depends on whether the menu is a permanent or a pop-up menu. Labels on pop-up menus appear in reverse video; labels on permanent menus are in standard video.
- :menu-margin-choices A list of margin choices that allow a user to complete the selection of menu items and return from w:menu-choose. The default is '(nil). Possible elements of the list are nil and the keywords :abort, :doit, and :abort-and-doit. You should include margin choices if you specify :highlighting as t. In addition, a user can specify a special-purpose margin choice. For menus, a margin choice has the same format as a menu item. A commonly used case is one in which the :eval type value keyword is used. See Table 14-1 for information about :eval.
- :multicolumn Whether the menu is a multicolumn menu. When the value is t, *item-list* is interpreted as a column specification list to generate a multicolumn menu. The default is nil. See paragraph 14.2.2, Column Specification Lists, for the required format of *item-list*.
- :near-mode Where to put the menu. It must be an acceptable argument to :expose-near method. The default is '(:mouse), the current position of the mouse cursor.
- :permanent Whether the menu is a permanent menu (specified by t) or a pop-up menu (specified by nil, the default). If both :permanent and

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:pop-up are specified as t, an error is signaled. This keyword is described in more detail in paragraph 14.2.6.4, Permanent Versus Pop-Up Menus.

- :pop-up Whether the menu becomes deexposed when the mouse moves out of it. A value of t, the default, causes the menu to be deexposed; a value of nil causes it not to be deexposed. If both :permanent and :pop-up are specified as t, an error is signaled.
- :scrolling-p Whether the menu has scrolling. A value of t, the default, enables scrolling; a value of nil disables scrolling. If scrolling is disabled, the user cannot move to the items that are not currently displayed by using the mouse; the user can reach these items by using keystroke sequences such as CTRL-V, META-V, and so on. Even if scrolling is enabled, the scroll bar only appears when the menu cannot display all the items.
- :sort The manner in which the menu items should be ordered. Possible values are the following:

```
:ascending, or t for short (:ascending key)
:descending (:descending key)
predicate (predicate key)
nil
```

where *predicate* and *key* are as required by the sort function. The argument passed to *key* is a string displayed for a menu item; in the case of an icon item, it is a string containing the name of the icon. Similarly, the arguments passed to *predicate* are either menu item strings or values returned by *key*.

The default for :sort, nil, does not change the ordering of the menu items. Note that using :sort destructively modifies the item list.

- :superior The sheet of which the menu should be an inferior. The default is w:mouse-sheet.
- :foreground-color The foreground (text) color of the menu.
- :background-color The background color of the menu.
- :label-color The label foreground (text) color for the menu.
- :label-background The label background color for the menu.

The following example returns foo or bar if a user clicks on an item, or nil if the user moves the mouse out of the menu.



Special Functions for Compatibility

14.2.4.2 The w:multicolumn-menu-choose and w:multiple-menu-choose functions are special cases of the w:menu-choose function that are included for compatibility. If you are writing new code, you should use w:menu-choose.

```
w:multicolumn-menu-choose column-spec-list
&optional (:label nil) (:near-mode '(:mouse))
(:default-item nil) (:superior w:mouse-sheet)
```

Passes the arguments to the w:menu-choose function to create a multicolumn menu. w:menu-choose allows the user to choose one of the items using the mouse. When the choice is made, the menu disappears and the chosen item

Function

is executed. The value of that item is returned as the first value of w:multicolumn-menu-choose, and the item itself (an element of column-spec-list) is returned as the second value.

If the user moves the mouse blinker well outside of the menu, the menu disappears and w:multicolumn-menu-choose returns nil.

column-spec-list is a list of column specifications as described in paragraph 14.2.2, Column Specification List. The keywords are the same as those used for w:menu-choose.

For example, consider the previous example:



```
(w:menu-choose '(("FOO" :value foo)
("BAR" :value bar)
("WIN" :value win)))
```

Suppose you wanted to put foo and BAR in a column labeled OBJECT, with WIN in a second column labeled VERB. The following code does this.



However, the following code returns the same results but has a more effective display:

- The column headings (which are not selectable) are in a different font.
- The menu as a whole has a title.



```
w:multiple-menu-choose item-list &optional (:label nil)

Function
```

```
(:near-mode '(:mouse)) (:highlighted-items nil) (:menu-margin-choices '(:doit)) (:superior w:mouse-sheet)
```

Passes the arguments to the w:menu-choose function to create a multiple choose menu. w:menu-choose allows the user to choose any subset of the available items. The user finalizes the choice by clicking on the Do It box at the bottom of the menu or pressing the END key. At this time, w:multiple-menu-choose returns as its first value a list of the results of executing all the chosen menu items. The second value of w:multiple-menu-choose is non-nil in this case.

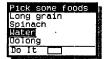
If the user moves the mouse well outside of the menu, the menu disappears and the w:multiple-menu-choose function returns nil for both values. The second value enables the caller to distinguish between a refusal to choose and choosing the empty set of items.

item-list is a list of items as described at the beginning of paragraph 14.2.1, Menu Items. The keywords are the same as the keywords used for w:menu-choose.

The following code returns the list (rice spinach water) if the user clicks on the entries for rice and spinach and does not turn off water:



The following code returns the same possible values but enables you to display a string that is not necessarily the same as the value returned.



Other Special Functions

14.2.4.3 The w:mouse-y-or-n-p and w:mouse-confirm functions are special menus that allow the user to answer yes or no to a specific question by either clicking on the window or moving the mouse outside of the window.

#### w:mouse-y-or-n-p string

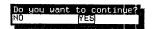
Function

Asks the user to answer yes or no. The user can answer yes by clicking on the Yes item or by pressing the END key. The user can answer no by clicking on the No item or by moving the mouse out of the window. The window is a menu that displays a single item: *string*. If the user clicks on the Yes item, the function returns t; otherwise, the function returns nil.

For example, suppose you execute the following function:

```
(w:mouse-y-or-n-p "Do you want to continue?")
```

The system pops up a window similar to the following near the mouse:



with the following documentation in the mouse documentation window:



w:mouse-confirm message & optional what-to-do

Function

(message-font fonts:hl12b) (what-to-do-font fonts:hl12) (window-max-width 400.)

An improved version of the w:mouse-y-or-n-p function. w:mouse-confirm allows you to specify multiple fonts for the message or the action description. If the message for the what-to-do string is too long, it is formatted to fit the window using the w:adjust-by-interval function. Formatting involves moving words that do not fit on one line to the next line.

The user can answer yes by clicking on the Yes item or by pressing the END key or the space bar. The user can answer no by clicking on the No item or by moving the mouse out of the window. If the user answers yes, the value returned is t. If the user answers no, the value returned is nil.

Arguments:

message — The string to display at the top of the window.

what-to-do — A string to display at the bottom of the window. The string tells the user what to do.

message-font — The font used to display message.

what-to-do-font — The font used to display what-to-do.

window-max-width — The maximum number of pixels for the window width.

For example, suppose you execute the following function:

(w:mouse-confirm "If you continue, you may damage your file system. Do you want to continue?")

The system pops up a window similar to the following near the mouse:

lf you continue, you may damage your file system. Do you want to continue? Click mouse, or press (END) if YES. Move off window, or press <n> if NO.

You can customize the instructions, as the following code does:

(w:mouse-confirm "If you continue, you may damage your file system. Do you want to continue?" "To continue, either click the mouse or press <END>. To abort, either move the mouse away or press <n>." fonts:bigfnt fonts:hl12bi 600)

> If you continue, you may damage your file system. Do you want to continue?

To continue, either click the mouse or press (END). To abort, either move the mouse away or press <n>.

However, you should be aware that the formatting function can only display within the window-max-width constraint. If you specify a small value for that argument, as in the following code, you could get a very tall, thin window, which is probably not what you want.

(w:mouse-confirm "If you continue, you may damage your file system. Do you want to continue?" "To continue, either click the mouse or press <END>.

To abort, either move the mouse away or press <n>."

fonts:bigfnt fonts:hl12bi 60)

Ιf you conti nua. you uen danag your file syste

w:adjust-by-interval maximum-number-of-characters string

**Function** 

Returns string formatted so that each line contains at most maximumnumber-of-characters. If possible, the lines are broken at spaces. This function is used by w:mouse-confirm.

## Keyboard Interface for Menus

14.2.5 A user can move the mouse cursor within a menu by using keystroke sequences as well as by using the mouse. These keystroke sequences are similar to the ones used to move around in a choose variable values window.

#### w:menu-default-command-characters

Variable

An association list that defines the keystroke sequences used to move about the menu. Each element of the association list has the form:

(character (method . argument-list) documentation-string)

where character is either a character or a string. If it is a character and method is non-nil, then method is called with argument-list. If character is a string, it is displayed for documentation purposes.

All the methods called by the default values either return nil (which indicates that nothing else needs to be done) or return a value (which indicates that an item has been selected and that it needs to be processed). By default, the only keystroke that causes a non-nil value to be returned is END.

documentation-string is displayed when the HELP key is pressed. If no documentation string is to be displayed, this value should be nil.

The following keys are defined by default:

Keystroke Sequence	Description			
CLEAR SCREEN	Refreshes the menu.			
RETURN	Moves the mouse cursor to the next line.			
META-<	Moves the cursor to the top item.			
META->	Moves the cursor to the bottom item.			
CTRL-P	Moves the mouse cursor up.			
CTRL-N	Moves the mouse cursor down.			
CTRL-F	Moves the mouse cursor right.			
CTRL-B	Moves the mouse cursor left.			
CTRL-A	Moves the mouse cursor to the leftmost column.			
CTRL-E	Moves the mouse cursor to the rightmost column.			
CTRL-V	Moves the mouse cursor to the next page.			
META-V	Moves the mouse cursor to the previous page.			
<b>†</b>	Moves the mouse cursor up.			
1	Moves the mouse cursor down.			
<b>→</b>	Moves the mouse cursor right.			
←	Moves the mouse cursor left.			
CTRL-S	Searches forward for the string using an incremental.			
	search. The user can press the HELP key to see a			
	description of the keys that are defined within the			
	search mode.			
CTRL-R	Searches backward for the string using an incremental			
	search. The user can press the HELP key to see a			
	description of the keys that are defined within the			
57.4.57	search mode.			
SPACE	In a multiple choose menu, selects an item			
ABORT	Exits abnormally.			
CTRL-G	Exits abnormally			

(Continued) Keystroke Sequence	Description
END	Exits normally with item(s) selected
HELP	Displays a help screen that includes these keystroke sequences.

If you want to supply additional keystrokes, you should supply the command-characters initialization option when you create the menu. The argument to this initialization option is a list similar to w:menu-default-command-characters.

# Flavor and Initialization Options That Define Menus

14.2.6 If you prefer, you can use a flavor and its initialization options and methods to implement menus rather than using the functions. Using the w:menu flavor and its associated initialization options and methods gives you greater flexibility in customizing the action of a menu; the code is correspondingly more complex and difficult to use. Before attempting to design your own menus, you should scan the following paragraphs to see what initialization options and methods are available.

#### w:menu w:menu

Flavor Resource

Used directly by the w:menu-choose function. The methods and defaults for the flavor correspond closely to the keywords and defaults for the function. However, the w:menu-choose function creates a pop-up menu by default, while making an instance of the w:menu flavor defaults to creating a permanent menu.

Some initialization options are exclusive choices; others can be specified for any kind of menu, as follows:

- A menu can be either a command menu (a:menu blip is placed in the I/O buffer as soon as the user clicks a mouse button) or a highlighting menu (the user can select several menu items and must place the values in the I/O buffer by selecting a margin choice). Both command menus and highlighting menus must specify I/O buffers; a highlighting menu should also include margin choices.
- A menu can be either a permanent menu (the menu remains exposed even when the user has moved the mouse well outside the menu area) or a pop-up menu (the menu deexposes itself when the user moves the mouse well outside the menu area).
- Any of these kinds of menus can be dynamic or static, single column or multicolumn, or scrolling or nonscrolling.

#### Command Menus

14.2.6.1 The menus described so far are driven by the :choose method; that is, the program decides when it is time for the user to choose something in the menu. In some applications, the user should decide when to choose something from a menu. For example, in Peek, the user can select a new mode with the menu at any time, but Peek cannot spend all its time waiting for the user to do this. The command menu is designed for such applications. When an item in a command menu is chosen, the menu puts a blip into the application's I/O buffer.

Usually, a command menu pane is part of a team of windows managed by a single process and sharing a single input buffer. Menu clicks generate input that is typically read by a single stream together with mouse clicks on the other windows and keyboard input. For example, Peek and the Inspector both use command menus in this way. Once the controlling process reads the blip, the process can execute the form (send menu: execute item) if the process wishes the item to be processed in the usual way for menu items.

#### :command-menu t-or-nil

Initialization Option of w:menu

Gettable. Default: nil

If this option is t and the user clicks on a mouse button, :command-menu puts a :menu blip into the I/O buffer. The blip is a list like the following:

(:menu item button-mask menu)

where:

item is the menu item that was clicked on.

button-mask indicates which mouse button was used (as in w:mouse-last-buttons).

menu is the menu instance that was clicked on, in case you are using more than one.

This list can be read as an input character with the read-any-char function from any other window sharing the same input buffer.

Multiple Menus

14.2.6.2 Specifying: highlighting as t for a menu creates a multiple menu. A multiple menu asks the user to select any combination of menu items rather than a single item. The menu has a choice box (usually named Do It) at the bottom in addition to its menu items. Clicking or pressing the space bar when the mouse is on a menu item selects it or deselects it; the selected items are displayed in reverse video. Clicking on the Do It box or pressing the END key indicates that the user has finished selecting items from the menu.

:highlighting t-or-nil

Initialization Option of w:menu

Gettable. Default: nil

If this option is t, the menu can have more than one choice highlighted (displayed in reverse video). This type of menu requires margin choices to execute. The list of items currently selected is contained in w:highlighted-items.

:highlighted-items items

Initialization Option of w:menu

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

The list of items to be highlighted when the flavor is instantiated.

:add-highlighted-item item :remove-highlighted-item item

Method of w:menu Method of w:menu

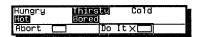
Enables or disables, respectively, the highlighting of the menu item identified by *item* when the menu is displayed.

:highlighted-values	Method of w:menu
:set-highlighted-values list	Method of w:menu
:add-highlighted-value value	Method of w:menu
:remove-highlighted-value value	Method of w:menu

Analogous to the :highlighted-items methods of similar names, these methods refer to the items' values (that is, the result of executing them), instead of referring to items directly. For example, if the item list is an association list with the elements (string . symbol), :highlighted-values uses symbol. These methods work only for menu items that can be executed without side effects, not for item types like :eval, :funcall, and so on.

The argument is the list of menu items. For example, consider the following code:

The menu appears similar to the following after the user selects Hot, Thirsty, and Bored:



Clicking (or pressing the space bar) on some items and then clicking on Do It (or pressing END) returns a list of the values associated with the items selected. Thus, if the user now clicks on Do It, the highlighting function returns a value of '(read water air-conditioner).

Margin Choices

14.2.6.3 The following variables are the defaults for margin choices. If the user specifies a keyword for a margin choice, one of the strings contained in the following variables is substituted.

:menu-margin-choices choices

Initialization Option of w:menu

Settable. Default: nil

Accepts a list containing the keywords :abort, :doit, and :abort-and-doit or other margin choices. A margin choice has the same format as a menu item (described in paragraph 14.2.1). This initialization option defines the default margin choices for a particular menu. If keywords are used, the string displayed by the margin choice is supplied by either or both the w:margin-choice-completion-string and the w:margin-choice-abort-string variables.

#### w:margin-choice-completion-string

Default: "Do It"

Variable

The label by the margin choice box that, when selected, completes the selection. The margin choice is searched for when the user presses the END key.

#### w:margin-choice-abort-string

Variable

Default: "Abort"

The label by the margin choice box that, when selected, aborts the selection. The margin choice is searched for during the processing of the abort-on-deexpose option.

Permanent Versus Pop-Up Menus 14.2.6.4 Menus can be either permanent or pop-up menus. Permanent menus are always displayed; pop-up menus are displayed until the user makes a choice or moves the mouse outside the menu. Permanent menus appear slightly different from pop-up menus. Pop-up menus include a shadow border and, if a label exists, the label is in reverse video. Permanent menus do not include a shadow border and the label, if one exists, is in standard video.

#### :permanent t-or-nil

Initialization Option of w:menu

Default: t

If this option is t, the menu is a permanent menu, that is, the menu does not disappear after the user selects an item or moves the mouse out of the menu. If this option is nil, the menu is temporary but not necessarily pop-up. A temporary menu remains exposed even when the user moves the mouse far outside the menu.

#### :pop-up *t-or-nil*

Initialization Option of w:menu

Default: nil

If this option is t, the menu is a pop-up menu that disappears when the user moves the mouse well outside the menu. A pop-up menu exhibits a slight hysteresis, or margin of safety, to prevent the menu from disappearing when the user inadvertently moves the mouse to just outside the menu. The user must move the mouse outside this small margin of safety before the pop-up menu disappears.

Pop-up menus used to be called momentary menus. The name was changed to be more meaningful.

#### Dynamic Item List Menus

14.2.6.5 Dynamic item list menus dynamically recompute the item list at various times. Whenever the program makes an explicit request to use the menu, the menu checks automatically to see whether its item list has changed. Any menu can be either dynamic or static.

#### :dynamic t-or-nil

Initialization Option of w:menu

Default: nil

If this option is t, the menu can have an item list that is dynamically changed; that is, the menu item list is updated when necessary.

#### :add-item item

Method of w:menu

Adds item to the end of the item list.

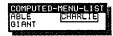
#### :item-list-pointer function

Initialization Option of w:menu

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Specifies the Lisp expression evaluated to recompute the current item list. This value is used when the menu is dynamic.

For example, consider the following code where my-list is not a simple list of menu items. The compute-menu-list function pulls the menu items from the list each time the menu is created.



Other Kinds of Menus **14.2.6.6** Menus can be single or multicolumn and scrolling or nonscrolling.

:multicolumn t-or-nil

Initialization Option of w:menu

Default: nil

If this option is t, the menu has several dynamic columns. Each column comes from a separate menu item list that is recomputed as needed.

:scrolling-p t-or-nil

Initialization Option of w:menu

Default: t

If this option is t, the menu can include a scroll bar if all the choices cannot be displayed at once in the menu. If this is specified as nil, scrolling is disabled. If scrolling is disabled, the user cannot use the mouse to move to the items that are not currently displayed by using the mouse; the user can reach them by using keystroke sequences such as CTRL-V, META-V, and so on.

Even if :scrolling-p is specified as t, the menu does not include a scroll bar if all items can be displayed without scrolling.

General Options

14.2.6.7 These are general-purpose initialization options to be used with any menu flavor.

:abort-on-deexpose t-or-nil

Initialization Option of w:menu

If this option is t and the menu is deexposed without selecting an item, the command menu automatically executes an abort item.

- If :abort-on-deexpose is nil, this search is not made. Instead, nil is returned.
- If :abort-on-deexpose is t, an attempt is made to find an abort item to execute when the menu becomes deexposed.

- 1. The attempt to find an abort item starts by looking for a margin choice that has "Abort" as its value (case is not significant).
- 2. If no abort margin choice is found, then an abort menu item is searched for.
- 3. If no abort menu item is found, then no menu item is executed.

#### :item-list item-list

Initialization Option of w:menu

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets the list of items (choices) for a menu. Setting the item list with the method recomputes the geometry. *item-list* specifies the list of items for the menu. (See paragraph 14.2.1, Menu Items, for a discussion of how to specify menu items.)

The following example shows how to add colors to the label of a pop-up menu, as well as individual elements of the menu. The menu has a dark-blue background with menu selections in white, unless overridden by a color directive. The label is cyan on a dark-gray background.

```
(defun items-in-color ()
   (let ((pop-up-menu (make-instance 'w:menu
               :pop-up t
               :label `(:string "Map Formats" :color ,w:cyan :background ,w:88%-gray-color)
               :foreground-color w:white
               :background-color w:dark-blue
               :item-list `(("Standard Projection" :value 1
                                  :documentation "N level cartographic")
                              ("Topographic" :value 2
                                  :documentation "4 color standard statistical")
                              ("Relief" :value 3
                                  :color ,w:yellow
                                  :documentation "Standard relief symbology")
                              ("Hexagonal" :value 4
                                  :color ,w:green
                                  :documentation "Standard game board layout")
                              ("3D-isoplanar" :value 4
                                  :documentation "Classified military format")))))
       (send pop-up-menu :choose)))
```

#### :column-spec-list *list*

Initialization Option of w:menu

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets the column specification list for multicolumn menus. Each element of *list* specifies one column of the menu and has the format described in paragraph 14.2.2, Column Specification List.

The following example shows how to make a multicolumn menu with column headings in different colors. This menu uses a number of colors to illustrate how to use colors in various parts of a multicolumn menu. This example uses too many colors; normally, you should use color in a menu to draw attention to important areas.

```
(defvar column-2-list `(("Translate" :value :trans
       :color ,w:green
       :documentation "Translate selected image from A to B")
   ("Rotate" :value :rotate
       :documentation "Rotate selected image around A")
    ("Scale" :value :scale
       :documentation "Change the size of the selected image")))
(defvar column-3-list `(("Near Plane" :value :near
       :color ,w:cyan
       :documentation "Toggle near clipping plane on or off")
   ("Far Plane" : value : far
       :documentation "Toggle far clipping plane on or off")
   ("World Window" :value :world
           :documentation "Set the window into the world space")
   ("Display Viewport" : value : Viewport
       :color ,w:orange
       :documentation "Set the viewport onto the display screen")))
(defun color-multicolumn-menu ()
   (let* ((pop-up-menu (make-instance 'w:menu
       :multicolumn t
       :item-alignment :center
       :column-spec-list `(("Operations:" column-1-list
                               :font fonts:mets
                               :color ,w:yellow)
                            ("Transforms: " column-2-list
                               :font fonts:mets
                               :color ,w:12%-gray-color)
                            ("Viewing Parameters: " column-3-list
                              :font fonts:mets
                               :color ,w:yellow))
           :pop-up t
           :save-bits nil
           :foreground-color w:white ; default for writing
                                       ; menu entries
           :background-color w:66%-gray-color
           :label `(:centered :font fonts:mets
                     :string "Graphics Operations Menu"
                    :color ,w:cyan
                    :background ,w:dark-blue)))
       (send pop-up-menu :choose)))
```

:last-item

Method of w:menu

Settable.

Returns the last item selected with a mouse click in this menu, or nil if none has been selected yet. The w:last-item instance variable is used for positioning the mouse for pop-up menus. (See the :default-item keyword argument of the w:menu-choose function, described in paragraph 14.2.4.1.)

:chosen-item

Method of w:menu

Settable. Default: nil

Returns the selected item. The value returned is updated each time an item is selected. A program can be put into a wait state by setting the w:chosen-item instance variable to nil and waiting for it to become non-nil.

:process-character

Method of w:menu

Implements the keyboard interface for menus. The keystrokes that are defined by default are contained in the w:menu-default-command-characters variable. You can supply additional commands for a menu by using the :command-characters initialization option. If the user presses a keystroke that is not defined, the system sounds a beep.

Initialization Option of w:menu

:command-characters item-list

Settable. Default: nil

Sets the association list of keyboard commands specialized for a particular menu. When a character from the keyboard is processed, the command-characters alist is examined first. If the character is not handled by that list, then the w:menu-default-command-characters list is examined. The w:menu-default-command-characters variable contains a list of the default movement commands.

#### Geometry

14.2.7 The way a menu is displayed can be described by the :rows and ;columns initialization options. In addition, a menu can be described by six parameters that are collectively called its *geometry*. Each of these parameters can be specified as a constraint or can be allowed to default based on the item list and the parameters that are constrained.

#### Filled Versus Columnar Format

14.2.7.1 There are two styles of arranging the choices in the menu. They can be in an array of rows and columns, or they can be filled (that is, each line has as many choices as fit with a reasonable amount of whitespace in between). In columnar format, each line has about the same number of choices: the same as the number of columns. This is not true in filled format.

For example, suppose you have a menu item list as follows:

(setq menu-list '(able baker charlie dog easy fox giant house island jack kite lion))

Consider the following examples of menus created using this menu item.

```
FILLED-NIL
RBLE
BRAKER
CHARLIE
DOG
EASY
FOXI
STANT
HOUSE
ISLAND
JACK
KITE
LION
```

The menu is as wide as needed to display the widest item (in this case, the label) and is tall enough to display all the items without scrolling.

```
FILLED-T
RBLE BAKER
CHARLIE DOG
ERSY FOX
GIANT HOUSE
ISLAND JACK
KITE LION
```

The menu fills so the ratio of the menu's height to its width is approximately the golden ratio.

```
TMD-COLUMN
ABLE BAKER
CHARLIE DOG
EASY FOX
GIANT HOUSE
ISLAND JACK
KITE LION
```





You can explicitly specify which menu item is to go into a specific column by using a column specification list.

Elements of a Geometry List

14.2.7.2 The geometry of a menu is represented as a list of six elements, one for each parameter:

- The number of columns, or 0 for filled format
- The number of rows
- The inside width and height of the window, in pixels
- The maximum width and height of the window, in pixels. These parameters are meaningful only as constraints, because the way the menu is displayed is sufficiently described by its actual width or height. If the maximum width is constrained, the system chooses a tall, thin shape rather than exceeding this constraint. If the maximum height is constrained, the system chooses a short, fat shape rather than exceeding this constraint.

For the first four parameters, you must distinguish between the current value and the imposed constraint. The constraint values can be nil, meaning that this parameter is not to be constrained.

The last two parameters exist only as constraints and can be nil.

The actual display of a menu is based on four parameters: the number of rows, the number of columns (or whether to use fill mode), the height, and the width. Some of these parameters can be specified by constraints; others can be specified on a one-time basis when the menu is displayed. The rest of the parameters are chosen on the basis of constraints already known and the item list.

The default geometry constraints are all nil, meaning that the system can choose the size and shape freely, based on the specified item list. The default shape is an upright rectangle using columnar format with as many columns as fit in the width. Most small menus have only one column.

If both the height and width are specified (either precisely or indirectly) in such a way that not all the items can fit, the menu has a scroll bar that allows the user to see all the items. The user can also use the keyboard to move to items that are not currently visible.

When the item list of a menu is changed, the display of the menu is recomputed on the basis of the new item list and the geometry.

Initialization Options and Methods

14.2.7.3 The following initialization options and methods manipulate the geometry of a menu.

:geometry list-of-specs

Initialization Option of w:menu

Gettable. Default: '(nil nil nil nil nil nil)

:current-geometry

Method of w:menu

A list of six elements representing the geometry (constraints) of the menu: the number of columns (0 for filled menu), number of rows, inside width, inside height, maximum width, and maximum height. The default for :geometry specifies nil for all six elements, which allows any aspect of the menu to change.

For :current-geometry, these items correspond to the actual current state of the menu. In the current geometry, the first four elements—which are sufficient to describe the current state—are never nil. The last two elements are the constraint values for the maximum width and height and can be nil.

:set-geometry & optional columns rows inside-width inside-height Method of w:menu max-width max-height

Sets the geometry (the constraints) from the arguments. :set-geometry uses six separate arguments rather than a list of six elements, as the :geometry method and initialization option do; this arrangement allows you to omit some of the arguments. The menu may change its shape and redisplay when its geometry changes.

For :set-geometry, an explicit argument of nil makes the corresponding aspect of the geometry unconstrained. An omitted argument or an argument of t leaves the corresponding aspect of the geometry the way it is (if unconstrained, it remains so).

For example, consider the following menus:

This menu is the same as one created with :filled-p nil; that is, the menu is as wide as needed to display the widest item and as high as needed to display all the items without scrolling.

This menu is 100 pixels high by 200 pixels wide, regardless of the amount of space needed to display the items.











This menu can be up to 100 pixels high by 200 pixels wide, depending on the amount of space needed to display the items. If less space is needed, less space is used. Note that the menu appears similar to the menu stored in geo-spec1, where the geometry list is all nil.

This menu has a geometry specified that is too small to display the longest items, which are the label and the item called charlie. The label is truncated as well as part of the e in charlie. In addition, scrolling is enabled.

This menu has a geometry specified that is too small to display many of the items. The items are truncated on the right, and the user can still choose these items by boxing the portion of the item that is visible. Scrolling is enabled.

:fill-p t-or-nil

Initialization Option of w:menu

Gettable, settable.

Specifies whether to use a filled format (t) rather than a columnar format (nil). See the examples in paragraph 14.2.7.1, Filled Versus Columnar Format.

:rows n-rows

Initialization Option of w:menu

Default: nil

Initialization Option of w:menu

:columns n-columns
Default: nil

Set the number of rows or columns, respectively, to the value specified by the argument. If :columns is specified as 0 or as nil, the menu is in fill mode.

:column-row-size

Method of w:menu

Returns two values: the width of a column in bits and the height of a row in pixels.

:set-position new-x new-y &optional option

Method of w:menu

Passes new-x and new-y to the :set-edges method to redraw the menu, thereby setting the current position of the menu. The size of the menu remains the

same. new-x and new-y are in pixels relative to the upper left corner of the menu's superior.

option makes the specified size a permanent constraint for the menu. option can be :temporary or nil. If option is :temporary, the menu is redisplayed with the specified edges for now, but once it is redisplayed for any reason, the permanent constraints (or lack of them) reemerge.

#### w:menu-compute-geometry draw-p & optional inside-width inside-height

Computes the current display parameters from the constraints, the item list, and the default font. This function is a subroutine of various menu methods and, when called, it assumes that self is bound to the menu being manipulated.

Arguments:

draw-p — Whether the menu is redrawn. If draw-p is non-nil, the menu is redrawn.

inside-width, inside-height — Constraints for this invocation only, overriding any permanent constraints for those parameters. These arguments are used if the function is recomputing the row layout but is using a particular shape, which is the case if the menu has been reshaped by the user.

#### Menu Format

14.2.8 In addition to the geometry of a menu, several other initialization options, methods, and variables determine how a menu is formatted.

#### :default-font font

Initialization Option of w:menu

Settable. Default: w:\*menu-item-standard-font\*, initially cptfont

Sets the default font, used to display items that do not specify a font.

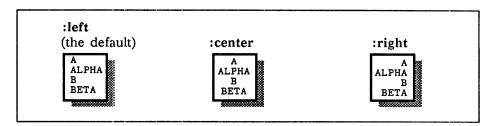
#### :item-alignment alignment

Initialization Option of w:menu

Default: :left

How the items are aligned in the columns of the menu. *alignment* can be one of :left, :center, or :right. The following table shows examples of each of these alignments, obtained by substituting the appropriate keyword for alignment in the following code.

(w:menu-choose '(a alpha b beta) :item-alignment :left)



#### w:menu-fill-breakage

Variable

Function

Default: 60.

The estimated spacing in pixels needed for each item in a filled menu.

#### w:menu-golden-ratio

Variable

Default: 1.6s0

The aspect ratio used for menus when there are no constraints.

#### w:menu-intercolumn-spacing

Variable

Default: 10.

The minimum spacing in pixels between columns in non-filled menus.

#### w:menu-interword-spacing

Variable

Default: 27.

The minimum spacing in pixels between items used in filled menus.

#### w:\*default-menu-item-who-line-documentation-function\*

Variable

Default: w:default-menu-item-documenter

The function to call to document menu items when the menu item is not documented. If you create a special function, this function should accept one argument, a menu item, and return either the documentation for that item or nil.

#### :mouse-standard-blinker

Method of w:menu

Default: A small cross

Returns the default mouse blinker for menus. If you want to use a different default mouse blinker, you should redefine this method. When the mouse is over an item, the mouse blinker changes into a very small dot—the w:mouse-glyph-small-dot character (·)—so the mouse blinker is visible but does not obscure the item. If the mouse blinker was not changed, the menu item would be more difficult to read.

#### :sort predicate-and-key

Initialization Option of w:menu

Settable. Default: nil

Specifies how the items in the menu item list are sorted before displaying. :sort can be one of the following:

:ascending, or t for short (:ascending key)
:descending (:descending key)
predicate (predicate key)
nil

where *predicate* and *key* are as required by the **sort** function. The argument passed to *key* is a string displayed for a menu item; in the case of an icon item, it is a string containing the name of the icon. Similarly, the arguments passed to *predicate* are either menu item strings or values returned by *key*.

The default for :sort, nil, does not change the ordering of the menu items. Note that using :sort destructively modifies the item list.

#### Methods That Implement Type Value Item Types

14.2.9 The following methods implement some of the type value item types discussed in Table 14-1.

#### :choose

Method of w:menu

Moves the menu window to the current position of the mouse and exposes the menu window. The :choose method then waits for the user to make a finishing choice and returns the menu window to the same activate/expose status it had before the :choose method was invoked. Keyboard input is also handled by the :choose method. This method does much of the work involved with menus and is called by the w:menu-choose function.

:execute item

Method of w:menu

Processes *item*, computing and returning the value according to the rules described in Table 14-1. For most kinds of menus, this method is invoked automatically as part of the :choose method. An exception to this is a command menu, which must invoke the :execute method explicitly.

#### :execute-no-side-effects item

Method of w:menu

Processes *item*, computing and returning the value, provided that this can be done without side effects. If computing the value might possibly have side effects (such as for item types :eval, :funcall, :kbd, :window-op, :menu, and :menu-choose), the value is not computed and nil is returned. The :execute-no-side-effects method is used by the highlighting option.

#### :execute-window-op function

Method of w:menu

Implements the :window-op type value as described in Table 14-1.

#### :mouse-buttons-on-item buttons-down-mask

Method of w:menu

Is invoked by the mouse process when the mouse blinker is positioned on an item and a mouse button is clicked. :mouse-buttons-on-item does everything that should be done by the mouse process when a mouse button is clicked. Specifically, the method records the chosen item and processes the :buttons item type when it is used.

Methods That Operate on Menus 14.2.10 The following methods deal with the size and position of the chosen item and where the menu is displayed.

#### :current-item

Method of w:menu

Returns the item at which the mouse is pointing, or nil.

#### :item-cursorpos item

Method of w:menu

Returns two values, as :read-cursorpos does, giving the x and y coordinates of the center of the displayed representation of *item* relative to the inside coordinates of the menu. The result is **nil** if the item is scrolled off the display.

#### :item-rectangle item

Method of w:menu

Returns four values: the left, top, right, and bottom coordinates—inside the margins—of the rectangle enclosing the displayed representation of the specified item. The coordinates include one pixel of margin all around. The result is nil if the item is scrolled off the display. Note that, because of the one pixel margin, the returned values can be outside the window.

#### :menu-draw

Method of w:menu

Draws the menu's display. The system automatically invokes :menu-draw when required, and :menu-draw should not be used in application programs. However, user-defined menu flavors can redefine the :menu-draw method or add methods to it.

#### :move-near-window window

Method of w:menu

Exposes the menu below window, giving the menu the same width as the window. If the menu will not fit below window, :move-near-window then

tries to expose the menu above window. If the menu is too large to fit within window, scrolling can be enabled.

#### :center-around x y

#### Method of w:menu

Displays the menu so that, if possible, the last item chosen appears centered on the given coordinates. x and y are relative to the inside upper left corner of the window's superior. If displaying the menu as specified would cause part of the menu to be outside of its superior, the menu is offset slightly to keep it inside its superior. The actual coordinates of the center of the last item chosen are returned. (You might want to put the mouse there.) Pop-up menus use this method to put the menu in such a place that the mouse blinker appears over the last item chosen.

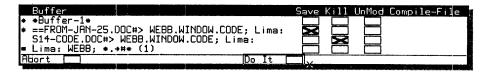
#### Methods That Reposition the Menu Current Item

14.2.11 The following methods of w:menu deal with positioning the mouse cursor onto a different item. These methods are invoked when the user presses a keystroke sequence to move to a new item on the menu.

Method	Invoked by Pressing	Description
:move-cursor-next-line	RETURN	Moves the mouse cursor to the first item in the next line.
:move-cursor-top	META-<	Moves the cursor to the first item.
:move-cursor-bottom	META->	Moves the cursor to the last item.
:move-cursor-up	CTRL-P or †	Moves the mouse cursor up to the previous line.
:move-cursor-down	CTRL-N or ↓	Moves the mouse cursor down to the next line.
:move-cursor-forward	CTRL-F or $\rightarrow$	Moves the mouse cursor right.
:move-cursor-backward	CTRL-B or $\leftarrow$	Moves the mouse cursor left.
:move-cursor-first	CTRL-A	Moves the mouse cursor to the first item in this row.
:move-cursor-last	CTRL-E	Moves the mouse cursor to the last item in this row.
:move-cursor-page-down	CTRL-V	Moves the mouse cursor to the first item on the next page.
:move-cursor-page-up	META-V	Moves the mouse cursor to the first item on the previous page.
:search character	CTRL-S or CTRL-R	Searches forward or backward for an item. If <i>character</i> is CTRL-S then the search is in the forward direction. If <i>character</i> is CTRL-R then the search is in the backward direction. The user is prompted for the characters being searched for.

## Multiple-Choice Facility

14.3 The *multiple-choice facility* provides a window containing several items, one per text line, and several choices for each item. To see an example of a multiple-choice window, invoke the Kill or Save Buffers menu from the Zmacs editor.



For each item, there can be several yes/no choices for the user to make. The same set of choices is given for each item (though some items may omit some choices). For example, in the Kill or Save Buffers command, there is an item (a line) for each buffer, and each line offers the choices Save, Kill, and Unmod. Choices of the same kind for different items form a column, with a heading at the top describing that choice. The leftmost column contains the text naming each item. The remaining columns contain small boxes, called choice boxes. A no box has a blank center, while a yes box contains an X inside the box. Moving the mouse blinker to a choice box and clicking the left button turns the choice on or off. Each choice can be initialized by the program to yes or no as appropriate for a default.

Each item choice can have constraints. For example, if you want the choices to be mutually exclusive, you set up constraints so that clicking one choice box to yes automatically sets the other choice boxes on the same line to no.

A multiple-choice window can have more lines of choices to offer than the window has lines. In this case, the user can scroll to reveal more choices, because the multiple-choice window is a type of text scroll window.

## Multiple-Choice Functional Interface

14.3.1 The w:multiple-choose function is the interface to the multiple-choice facility.

w:multiple-choose item-name item-list keyword-alist & optional (near-mode '(:mouse)) (maxlines 20.) superior

**Function** 

Pops up a multiple-choice window and allows the user to make choices with the mouse. The dimensions of the window are automatically chosen for the best presentation of the specified choices. If there are more choices available than can be shown within the maximum number of lines, scrolling is enabled.

When the user positions the mouse blinker on either Do It or Abort in the bottom margin and presses the appropriate mouse button, the multiple-choice window disappears and w:multiple-choose returns two values:

- 1. A list of selected choices of the form (item selected-choices ...), or mil if the user aborted.
- 2. The reason the function was exited nil for a normal exit, :abort if the user aborted.

Arguments: item-name — A string that is the column heading for items. In the editor example, it is "Buffer".

item-list — A list of representations of items. Each element is a list of the following form:

(item name choices)

#### where:

*item* is any arbitrary object, such as an editor buffer. *item* is supplied so that it appears in the returned value and therefore allows you to identify what the returned answers apply to.

name is a string that names that object; it is displayed to the left on the line of the display devoted to this item.

choices is a list of keywords representing the choices the user can make for this item. Each element of choices is one of t, nil, a keyword, or a list of the following form:

(keyword default)

#### where:

keyword is a keyword mentioned in keyword-alist.

If *default* is present and non-nil, the choice is initially yes; otherwise, it is initially no. This is how the editor initializes the Save choice to be yes for a modified buffer in the Kill or Save Buffers editor command.

keyword-alist — A list defining all the choice keywords allowed. Each element takes the form:

(keyword name &optional implications)

#### where:

keyword is one of t, nil, a keyword, or a list, as described in the choices field of an item-list element.

name is a string used to name that keyword. This value is used as the column heading for the associated column of choice boxes.

implications are up to four additional list elements for each element. These implications control what happens to other choices for the same item when this choice is selected by the user. Each implication can be nil (meaning no implication), a list of choice keywords, or t (meaning all other choices).

The first implication is *on-positive*; it specifies which other choices are also set to yes when the user sets this one to yes.

The second implication is *on-negative*; it specifies which other choices are set to no when the user sets this implication to yes.

The third and fourth implications are off-positive and off-negative; they take effect when the user sets this choice to no. The default implications are nil, t, nil, and nil, respectively. In other words, the default is for the choices that are to be mutually exclusive.

The editor Kill or Save Buffers command specifies the implications as shown in the following example so that Unmod cannot be chosen when either Save or Kill is chosen.

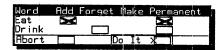
```
((:save "Save" nil (:not-modified) nil nil)
  (:kill "Kill" nil (:not-modified) nil nil)
  (:not-modified "UnMod" nil (:save :kill) nil nil)
  (:compile "QC-FILE" nil nil nil nil))
```

near-mode — Where the window is displayed. See the description of the :expose-near method in paragraph 5.7.3, Symbols That Manipulate Screen Arrays and Exposure, for values to specify for the near-mode argument.

maxlines — The maximum number of lines that the w:multiple-choose function displays without enabling scrolling. The default is 20.

superior — The superior of this menu. If superior is not specified, near-mode is examined. If near-mode specifies a :window option, then the superior of that window is used as the superior of the multiple-choose window. Otherwise, w:mouse-sheet is used as the superior of the multiple-choose window.

The code in this example offers the possibilities of :add or :make-permanent for :eat and the possibilities of :forget or :make-permanent for :drink. Presumably, these possibilities would be used because :drink has already been added and :eat has not.



The implications indicate that making permanent is incompatible with forgetting when forgetting is possible, and require adding when adding is possible.

The following value might be returned:

```
((:eat :make-permanent :add) (:drink))
```

In this example, the items are keywords (symbols), but that is not significant. The system never looks inside the items; it simply compares the items with eq and puts the items in the returned value.

Making Your Own Multiple-Choice Windows 14.3.2 The following flavors and the related instance variables, resources, initialization options, and methods provide multiple-choice facilities.

#### w:basic-multiple-choice

Flavor

The basic flavor that implements the multiple-choice facility. Like most basic mixins, w:basic-multiple-choice is not itself instantiable but does commit any window that incorporates it to being a w:basic-multiple-choice multiple-choice window rather than a different sort of window.

:item-name name

Initialization Option of w:basic-multiple-choice

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets a string used as the column heading for items.

:item-list item-list

Initialization Option of w:basic-multiple-choice

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Initializes the window's item list to *item-list*, a list of representations of the rows of the multiple-choice window. Each element is a list of the following form:

(item name choices)

#### where:

item is any arbitrary object, such as an editor buffer.

name is a string that names that object; it is displayed to the left on the line of the display devoted to this item.

choices is a list of keywords representing the choices the user can make for this item. Each element of choices is either a symbol, a keyword, or a list of the following form:

(keyword default)

#### where:

keyword is a keyword mentioned in the keyword-alist argument of the setup method.

If default is present and non-nil, the choice is initially yes; otherwise, it is initially no. This is how the editor initializes the Save choice to be yes for a modified buffer in the Kill or Save Buffers editor command.

:choice-types alist

Initialization Option of w:basic-multiple-choice

Gettable, settable.

Sets the window's keyword association list for the columns of the multiple-choice window.

setup item-name keyword-alist finishing-choices item-list & optional (maxlines 20.)

Method of w:basic-multiple-choice

Sets up all the various parameters of the window. Usually it is used while the window is deexposed. The window first decides what size it should be and whether all the items will fit or scrolling is required, then draws the display into its bit-array. Thus, when the window is exposed, the display will appear instantaneously.

Arguments:

item-name — A string that is the column heading for items. In the case of the editor example, it is "Buffer".

keyword-alist — A list defining all the choice keywords allowed, as explained previously in the discussion of the keyword-alist argument for the w:multiple-choose function.

finishing-choices — The margin choices that go in the bottom margin. When the user clicks on one of these, he or she is finished with a particular

menu. The w:default-finishing-choices variable contains a reasonable default for this, providing Do It and Abort choices.

item-list — A list of representations of items, as explained previously in the discussion of the :item-list initialization option of w:basic-multiplechoice.

maxlines — The maximum number of lines that the :setup method displays without enabling scrolling.

#### w:choice-value

Instance Variable of w:basic-multiple-choice

When the mouse process sets the w:choice-value instance variable to nonnil, the :choose method completes execution.

#### :choose &optional near-mode

Method of w:basic-multiple-choice

Moves the window to the place specified by the *near-mode* argument and exposes the window. The :choose method then waits for the user to make a finishing choice and returns the window to the same activate/expose status the window had before the :choose method was invoked. The :choose method returns the same value as the function w:multiple-choose.

The near-mode argument is where the window is exposed. The default is the (:mouse) list. (See the :expose-near method in paragraph 5.7.3, Symbols That Manipulate Screen Arrays and Exposure, for values to specify for the near-mode argument.)

#### w:margin-choices

Instance Variable of w:basic-multiple-choice

Default: w:default-finishing-choices, initially "Abort" and "Do it"

The choices displayed at the bottom of the multiple choice menu.

#### w:multiple-choice

Flavor

An instantiable window that includes the w:window flavor with the multiplechoice facility built in. The window has borders and a label area on top used for column headings.

#### w:temporary-multiple-choice-window

Flavor

A multiple-choice window that pops up.

#### w:temporary-multiple-choice-window

Resource

&optional (superior w:mouse-sheet)

A resource of temporary multiple-choice windows. The w:multiple-choose function uses the w:temporary-multiple-choice-window resource. superior specifies the superior window for this window.

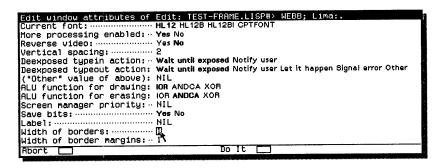
#### Choose-Variable-Values Facility

14.4 The choose-variable-values facility presents the user with a display of several Lisp variables and their values. The user can change the value of the variables by using the mouse and the keyboard. When the user has changed the variables to the values desired, he or she can then exit from the choose-variable-values window.

The choose-variable-values window is a kind of text scroll window, so each line of the display corresponds to one variable. The name of the variable, a colon, and the value of the variable are displayed. Pointing the mouse at the

value causes a box to appear around it. Clicking the left mouse button or pressing the LEFT key at that point allows the value to be changed. The arrow keys can be used to position the box around a value.

For example, the Edit Attributes option in the System menu, shown below, is a choose-variable-values window.



### Specifying the Variables

14.4.1 When you use a choose-variable-values window, you must specify one or more variables with a list of specifiers. You pass the list as an argument to w:choose-variable-values. Each variable must be a special variable, that is, a variable that is declared special, defined in a defvar or a defparameter, and so on. (See the Explorer Lisp Reference manual for more information about special variables.)

Each variable has a *type* that controls the values it can take on, the way the values are displayed, and the way the user enters new values. The type mechanism is extensible and is described in detail later. The types fall into two categories: those with a small number of legal values and those with a large number of legal values. The first type displays all the choices, with the one that is the current value of the variable in boldface. Pointing at a choice and clicking the mouse sets the variable to that value. Types with a large number of legal values display the current value. Pointing at the value and clicking the mouse allows a new value to be entered from the keyboard. Rubbing out more characters than were typed restores the original value instead of changing it.

The variables themselves can be either symbols, which are effectively examined and set as special variables in the calling program's process, or locatives, whose contents are examined and set.

The variables can be specified by describing each line of the display as a separate item, or you can display related variables in a table.

#### Variables in Separate Items

14.4.1.1 Each line of the display is specified by an *item*, which can be one of—or a combination of—a string, a symbol, or a list:

A string is simply displayed. This item is used to put headings and blank separating lines into the display.

**NOTE:** A string *cannot* be used by itself as the only item(s) in a variables list. A string must be used in conjunction with variables and other value types.

- A symbol whose value can be any Lisp object. The print name of the item symbol is displayed, and the input value is stored as the value of the symbol.
- A list of the general form:

```
(variable name modifiers type args...)
```

#### where:

variable is the variable whose value is being chosen. It is either a symbol or a locative.

name is optional if variable is a symbol; if it is omitted, it defaults to the print name of variable. If variable is a locative, you must supply name. name can be either a string, which is displayed as the name of the variable, or nil, meaning that this line should have no variable name but only a value.

modifiers are optional. If modifiers are supplied, they are either keywords or keyword-value pairs as described in Table 14-4. You can supply more than one modifier for an item.

type is an optional keyword giving the type of variable; if omitted, it defaults to :sexp.

args are possible additional specifications dependent on type. It is possible to omit name and supply type because name is always a string or nil, while type is always a non-nil symbol.

The following are some examples of items that can be included in an item list:

```
; The simplest case: a symbol
my-variable
                                          ; The label is MY-VARIABLE; it
                                          ; returns my-variable as its value
; A list with a variable and its name
(my-variable "Variable Name")
                                          ; The label is Variable Name; it
                                          ; returns my-variable as its value
; A list with a variable, its name, and a type
(my-variable "Variable Name" :string)
                                           The label is Variable Name; the value
                                          ; is stored as a string.
; A list with a variable, its name, a type, and an item modifier
(my-variable "Variable Name"
                                          ; The name of the variable and its label
                                           The modifier and modifier argument
   :documentation "Specify a string. Do not use quotes"
   :string)
                                          ; The variable type
; A list with a variable, its name, a type with an argument, and two item modifiers
(my-variable "Variable Name"
                                           The name of the variable and its label
                                           One modifier and modifier argument
   :documentation "Specify a string surrounded by quotes."
   :edit
                                          ; The second modifier
   :typep (string))
                                          ; The variable type
```

Of course, other combinations within an item in a list are possible: a variable without a name but with a type, a variable with a modifier but no name or type, and so on.

Variables in Tables

14.4.1.2 You can also specify variables in table format. The table specification item presents selected columns of a variable in a conventional tabular format and allows the user to edit individual table entries.

The format of the table is specified by an element in the specification list of the general form:

```
(variable (column-list-0)
(column-list-1)
(column-list-2)
. . .
(column-list-n))
```

#### where:

variable is a list treated like a table of data. variable can be either a symbol or a locative. Specifically, variable is a list of lists, where each sublist contains n or more elements and there are m sublists. The table contains a row for each sublist. The first element of each of the sublists makes up one column, the second element another column, and so on. Each column of the table must contain data of the same type.

each *column-list* specifies a column in the table. Columns are displayed left to right in the same order as the list of column-list specifications. *column-list* is a list of the form:

(column-index column-heading item-modifiers item-type args)

#### where:

column-index is an integer that is the zero-based index that points to a specific element in the sublist in variable. Thus, the columns need not be in the same order as the elements of the variable sublists, and not all the elements need to be displayed. In addition, columns can be repeated.

column-heading is a string that is used as the column heading. The length of the string determines the width of the column. You may need to pad the string with enough blanks to accommodate the widest value displayed in the column because displaying a value that is wider than the column width causes the remaining data in that row to shift to the right, ruining the alignment of elements in the columns.

item-modifiers are any of the item modifiers shown in Table 4-4. These modifiers are optional. If specified, a modifier applies to all elements of the column.

item-type controls how the data for that column is entered and displayed and is one of the item types described in Table 4-3.

args are possible additional specifications dependent on item-type.

A table specification item does not itself accept item modifiers. Instead, you can specify item modifiers within any *column-list*.

For example, the following variable contains a list with 6 sublists (that is, 6 unique rows). Each sublist contains 5 or more elements, which gives a possibility of 5 unique columns. Note that all the strings are padded with blanks so they are all the same length. This is produce a table with columns that line up.

Next, consider the following code that specifies the columns of the display:

```
(w:choose-variable-values '((table-variable
                                                              ; Refers to the defvar previously defined
      ; index number
        col heading optional item modifier and argument
                                                              item type and optional type arguments
      (3 "name
                  " :documentation "Who this is"
                                                              :string)
      (4 "prime #" :documentation "Their favorite number" :number)
      (1 "ID #"
                    :documentation "Their locker number"
                                                              :number)
      (2 "function"
                                                              :test functionp)
      (O "letters" :documentation "Various letters"
                                                              :string)
      (3 "name (again)"
                                                              :string))))
```

Together, the variable and the specification produce a display similar to the following:

name	prime #	ID # 1 2 3 4	function	letters	name (again)
john	3		CAR	abc	john
mary	5		CDR	def	mary
albert	7		PRINC	ghi	albert
jane	11		READ	jkl	jane
jane	11	4	READ	jkl	jane
bob	13	5	WRITE	mno	bob
esther	17	6	PRIN1	pqr	esther

#### Choose-Variable-Values Functional Interface

14.4.2 The w:choose-variable-values function is a functional interface for the choose-variable-values facility. Table 14-3 shows the predefined variable types that can be used by w:choose-variable-values. In general, any value input must be of the type specified for that variable. If the user inputs an unacceptable value, the system displays an error message in the choose-variable-values window and the user can then input a different value. Note that some keywords require one or more arguments; other keywords do not require arguments.

Table 14-3 Predefined Variable Types for w:choose-variable-values

#### Name

#### Description of Input Value

:assoc values-list print-function

One of the displayed choices. Each displayed choice is the car of an element of *values-list*; the cdr is the value that is put in the variable. All the choices are displayed, with the current value in boldface. The user chooses a new value by pointing to it with the mouse and clicking. Comparison is done by equal rather than eq. *print-function* prints a value; *print-function* is optional and defaults to princ.

:boolean

Either t or nil. The choices are displayed as yes and no.

:character

A character object. It is printed as a character name using the ~:@C format operator, and read as a single keystroke. If the key you want to identify is a special editing key, such as RUBOUT or CLEAR INPUT, you must precede this keystroke with CTRL-Q. Editing a value (clicking right) of type :character is not meaningful because the printed representation of every character is already at least one character/keystroke long. The edit operation simply takes the first character of the current printed representation and returns.

:character-or-nil

Like :character but nil is also allowed as the value. A value of nil displays as none and can be input using the CLEAR INPUT key.

:choose values-list print-function

One of the displayed choices. Each displayed choice is an element of values-list. All the choices are displayed, with the current value in bold-face. The user chooses a new value by pointing to it with the mouse and clicking. Comparison is done by equal rather than eq. print-function prints a value; print-function is optional and defaults to princ.

:date

A universal date-time. It is printed with time:print-universal-time and read with the readline-trim and time:parse-universal-time functions.

:date-or-never

Either a universal date-time or nil. A value of nil is printed as never, and a number is printed using the time:print-universal-time function. Input is read with the readline-trim function. If the user enters a non-nil value, it is passed to the time:parse-universal-time function.

:directory-pathname

A directory portion of a pathname. The value is printed with princ and read with read-line, fs:parse-pathname, and fs:merge-pathname-defaults. The specified value is merged with the tv:\*default-directory-pathname\* global variable to produce the value stored in the variable. The tv:\*default-directory-pathname\* variable is initially bound to nil. See the Explorer Input/Output Reference manual for details about pathnames and defaults.

:fixnum

A fixnum that is printed by prin1 and read by read.

:fixnum-or-nil

Either a fixnum or nil.

Continued

	d Variable Types for w:choose-variable-values (Continued)			
Name	Description of Input Value			
:interval-or-never	The actual value of the variable is either nil or the length of the interval in seconds. However, new values are read in using the time:read-interva or-never function. This function does not accept a simple fixnum as a second specification; see the <i>Explorer Lisp Reference</i> manual for details. The value is displayed using time:print-interval-or-never.			
:list-of type-keyword ar	rgs			
	A list of values accepted by type-keyword, with the values separated by commas. The values must satisfy the type specified by type-keyword. In the printed representation, the values are separated by commas. For example, :list-of :typep (integer 0 20) would require the user to enter a list of integers in the range from 0 through 20, inclusive, with the integers separated by commas.			
:menu item-list	One of the values in <i>item-list</i> . <i>item-list</i> is a list of menu items suitable for w:menu-choose. When a user clicks on a current value of variable type:menu, w:choose-variable-values invokes a pop-up menu that contains <i>item-list</i> . The value of the item chosen is stored as the variable value.			
:menu-alist item-list	One of the displayed choices. All the choices are displayed, with the current value in boldface. The user chooses a new value by pointing to it with the mouse and clicking. <i>item-list</i> is a list of menu items that can contain the usual menu mechanisms for specifying the string to display, th value to return, and documentation. Each element of <i>item-list</i> must be a list.			
:multiple-menu <i>arg</i>	One or more of the values available from arg. arg is evaluated and should return an item list suitable for the multiple menu option of w:menu-choose. When a user clicks on a current value of variable type:multiplemenu, w:choose-variable-values invokes a pop-up multiple (highlighting) menu that contains item-list. The value stored is a list of the menu item values chosen.			
non-negative-fixnum	A fixnum that is greater than or equal to zero.			
number	Any type of number. It is printed with prin1 and read with read, but only a number is accepted as input.			
number-or-nil	Either a number or nil.			
pathname	A pathname. The value is printed with <b>princ</b> and read with <b>read-line</b> , fs:parse-pathname, and fs:merge-pathname-defaults. See the <i>Explorer Input/Output Reference</i> manual for details about pathnames and defaults.			
pathname defaults	A list of the form (:pathname defaults) where defaults is a pathname or a defaults association list to pass to fs:merge-pathname-defaults. defaults can also be a symbol whose value should be used. If this is the same variable this item is setting, then each typed-in value is merged with the previous setting.			
pathname-list	A list of pathnames. In the printed representation, they are separated by commas.			

Table 14-3 Predefined Variable Types for w:choose-variable-values (Continued)				
Name	Description of Input Value			
:pathname-or-nil	Like :pathname but nil is also allowed. A value of nil is printed as a blank line.			
:princ	The same as :sexp, except that the value is printed with princ rather than prin1.			
:set	Like :choose, except that :set allows you to select more than one element of a set. The value of :set is the list of elements selected.			
:sexp, :list, and :any	Any Lisp expression printed with prin1 or read with read.			
:small-fraction	Any number greater than 0 and less than or equal to 1.			
:string	A string that is printed with <b>princ</b> or read with <b>read-line</b> . With this type, the user does not need to include quotation marks around the string. With the variable type <code>string</code> the user must include the delimiting quotation marks.			
:string-list	A list of strings, whose printed representation for input and output consist of the strings separated by commas and spaces.			
:string-or-nil	Like :string but nil is also allowed as a value.			
:test function	A value validated by <i>function</i> . The <i>function</i> argument is a function with one parameter as its value. For example, :test function would require that the user enter a function.			
:typep type-specifier	A value validated by type-specifier. The type-specifier argument is a Common Lisp type specifier suitable for the typep function. For example typep (integer 2 8) would force the input value to be an integer in the range from 2 through 8, inclusive.			

Table 14-4 lists the item modifiers that can be used with w:choose-variable-values. Each modifier is associated with one of the variables in the window. In general, a modifier is placed between the variable name (if one is present) and the variable type. A variable can have more than one modifier.

#### Table 14-4 Item Modifiers for w:choose-variable-values

#### Item

#### Description

#### :constraint user-defined-function

Calls a user-defined function that checks the value entered to determine if the value is within the limits specified by user-defined-function. If the value is within the specified limits, user-defined-function returns nil. If the value is not within the specified limits, user-defined-function returns a string that is an error message.

user-defined-function takes four arguments:

window - The choose-variable-values window

variable - The variable part for the item

old-value - The old value of variable

new-value - The new value of variable

#### :documentation doc

Displays doc in the mouse documentation window when the mouse is pointing at this item. doc is a string or list. (The structure of this list is discussed in paragraph 11.6, How Windows Handle the Mouse, under the description of the :who-line-documentation-string method of windows.) If no documentation is supplied in this way, the default depends on the type, and generally is something like click left to input a new value from the keyboard. Note that the ordering of this modifier with the variable type is different from the syntax of similar elements of an item list used with the w:menu-choose function.

:edit

Puts the old value clicked on in the input editor buffer. This prevents the value from disappearing and allows the user to edit the value.

:quote

Puts a quote symbol in front of the value the user enters. This item modifier should only be used with a variable type.

#### :side-effect list-or-function

Stores the modified value and then handles list-or-function.

- If *list-or-function* is a list, the list is evaluated.
- If *list-or-function* is a function, the function is called with four arguments: window, variable, old-value, and new-value.

The side effect produced by *list-or-function* may further modify (or even reset) the value that was originally modified.

The following code illustrates the use of several of the item modifiers for a choose-variable-values window, including the function called from a :constraint modifier.

```
(defun check-amount (ignore variable item-value-for-set &optional ignore)
  "Validate the amount relative to the specified currency."
 variable
    (let* ((item-value item-value-for-set))
      (if (not (integerp item-value))
               (string-append
          "amount"".")
     nil)))
(defvar currency nil)
(defvar item-to-quote nil)
(defvar amount 0)
   (w:choose-variable-values
      '((currency
          "Monetary unit"
          :menu-alist
          (("Dollar" :value dollar :documentation "Currency of the United States.")
           ("Pound" :value pound :documentation "Currency of Britain.")
           ("Yen"
                                   :documentation "Currency of Japan.")
                     :value yen
           ("Ruble" :value ruble :documentation "Currency of the USSR.")))
          (amount "Numerical amount" :constraint check-amount)
          (item-to-quote "Item-to-quote" :quote
                            :documentation "This item will be quoted within a list." :fixnum)))
```

w:choose-variable-values variables & rest options

**Function** 

Interfaces with the choose-variable-values facility. w:choose-variable-values pops up a window displaying the values of the specified variables and permits the user to alter them. One or more choice boxes (as in the multiple-choice facility) appear in the bottom margin of the window. When the user clicks on the Do It choice box, the window disappears and this function returns. The value returned is not meaningful; the result is expressed in the values of the variables.

There are several ways for the user to exit from the w:choose-variable-values function.

- Select the Do It margin choice box. w:choose-variable-values returns normally for this case.
- Press the END key. This has the same effect as selecting the Do It margin choice box.
- Press the ABORT key.
  - If an Abort margin choice exist, this has the same effect as selecting the margin choice box.
  - If an Abort margin choice *does not* exists, this signals a condition for sys:abort that can be trapped with an unwind-protect or a condition-case.

The system chooses the dimensions of the window and enables scrolling if there are too many variables to fit in the chosen height of the window.

Arguments: variables — A list of elements that are special variables of the types listed in Table 14-3, modified by the item modifiers listed in Table 14-4.

options — The usual list of alternating option keywords and argument values. Table 14-5 discusses the keywords that can be used as the options argument. These keyword-value pairs affect the choose-variable-values window as a whole rather than modifying an individual variable.

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Name	Description			
:extra-width	The amount of extra space to leave after all the items that have value when :width is not specified. This extra space allows for changing the value to something bigger. The extra space is specified as either a nur of characters or a character string. The default is ten characters. If is specified, :extra-width is ignored.			
:function	A function to be called if the user changes the value of a variable. The default is nil (no function).			
	This function can implement constraints among the variables. It is called with arguments window, variable, old-value, and new-value. The function should return nil only if the original variable needs to be redisplayed, or t if no redisplay is required; if t, this function would usually setq several of the variables, then perform a :refresh method on the window.			
:height	The height of the window in pixels. By default, the height of the window is large enough to accommodate the items up to a certain maximum. After that maximum, scrolling is activated. The :height keyword enables you to specify the height large enough to prevent the need to scroll.			
:label	The argument to the :label keyword is a string that is the label to be displayed at the top of the window. The default is "choose variable values".			
:margin-choices	A list of specifications for choice boxes to appear in the bottom margin. Each element in the list can be either a string or a list.			
	If the element is a string, that string is used as a label for a margin choice. If any of these labels are selected, the w:choose-variable-values function returns. If no string appears in the list, by default the label Do It is added to the margin choices.			
	If the element is a list, then the first element in the sublist should be a string to use as a label, and the second element should be a form. If the form is the symbol nil, then the w:choose-variable-values function returns when this label is selected; if the form is not the symbol nil, that form is evaluated. If the return value of the form is true, then the w:choose-variable-values function returns; otherwise, w:choose-variable-values continues processing user input. Because this form is evaluated in the caller's process, it can do such things as alter the values of the special variables or exit using the throw function.			
	The default for :margin-choices is Do It.			
:near-mode	Where to position the window. This is a suitable argument for the :expose-near method. The default is the list (:mouse). See paragraph 5.7.3, Symbols That Manipulate Screen Arrays and Exposure, for other suitable arguments.			

Table 14-5 The w:cl	100se-variable-value	s Options Keywords (Continued)			
Name	Description	Description			
:reverse-video-p	Whether the window displays white-on-black or black-on-white. :reverse-video-p is used as the argument of the :set-reverse-video-p method. The default is nil, which causes the display to be in regular video. A value of t causes the window to be displayed in reverse video.				
:superior		The window to which the pop-up choose-variable-values window is inferior. The default is one of the following, in decreasing order of precedence:			
	■ The superior	of w if :near-mode is (:window w)			
	w:selected-wi	indow if it is running the current-process			
	*terminal-io* is a window				
	■ The value of	w:mouse-sheet			
:value-tab		Whether to tab the values past the choice labels. :value-tab can have one of the following values:			
	Value	Description			
	t (the default)	Aligns the values in a column about two spaces to the right of the longest choice label.			
	nil or 0	Prints each value about two spaces to the right of its choice label.			
	A fixnum n	n specifies the number of pixels from the inside left margin to the beginning of the column of values. If $n$ is large enough to space past all the choice labels, the values are aligned in a column at $n$ . If $n$ is not as large as the widest of the choice labels, the values are printed as though :value-tab was nil.			
:width	How wide to make the window. This width can be a number of characters or a string (the window is made just wide enough to display that string). The default is to make the window wide enough to display the current values of all the variables, provided that the window is not too wide to fit in its superior.				
:foreground-color	The foreground (	The foreground (text) color of the menu.			
:background-color	The background	color of the menu.			
:label-color	The label foregro	ound (text) color for the menu.			
:label-background	The label backgr	The label background color for the menu.			

The following examples show how to call w:choose-variable-values, which displays the three variables' names and values and lets the user change them. \*print-base\*, \*read-base\*, and \*print-radix\* are all globally-defined special variables.



The following is the default mouse documentation for the margin choices:

```
L. input a new value from the keyboard, R. edit this value
```

The same example can be executed with better formatting by using the following code:



The following code adds several special margin choices. Note that the default margin choice, Do It, appears in addition to the choices you specify.



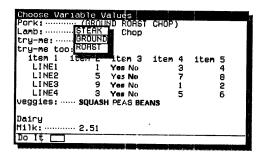
The following code defines a function that prompts the user for the number of times the system should beep and for the user's name. The function then beeps the required number of times and displays a message using the user's name. Note that the variables are declared special.

```
(defun call-cvv ()
  (let ((number-of-beeps 1)
        (your-name user-id))
  (declare (special number-of-beeps your-name))
  (w:choose-variable-values
      ((number-of-beeps "How many times should the system beep?" :typep (integer 0 10))
                        "What is your name?"
                                                                :string)
       (your-name
  )
     :label "Values for function"
     :margin-choices '(("Abort" (signal-condition eh:*abort-object*)))
  (dotimes 'number-of-beeps
     (progn
        (beep)
        (sleep .5 "Wait for the beep")))
  (format *query-io* "-% -A, the beeps have sounded. You may proceed." your-name)
  ))
                       (call-cvv)
                                                     ·· WEBB
                                             Do It
```

The following example shows how to construct a more complicated choose variable values menu.

```
; Builds a list of values that corresponds to the rows and columns of a table.
(defvar cuts-of-pork '(ground roast chop))
(defvar cuts-of-lamb '("Leg of" "Chop"))
(defvar cuts-of-beef-menu '(steak ground roast))
                       (("one" . 1)
("two" . 2)
(defvar number-menu '
                         ("three" . 3)))
(defvar milk-price 2.51)
(defvar my-variable nil "General use variable in this example")
(defvar veggie-set '(squash beans))
; Determines the default values for the table in the cvv window.
(defvar table '((line1 1 t 3 4)
                 (line2 5 nil 7 8)
                 (line3 9 t 1 2)
                 (line4 3 t 5 6)))
(w:choose-variable-values
    ((cuts-of-pork "Pork" :princ)
     ; When chosen, beeps as well as changes the value.
     (cuts-of-lamb "Lamb" :edit :side-effect (beep) :string-list)
     ; Invokes a menu whose items are symbol names.
     (my-variable "try-me" :menu cuts-of-beef-menu)
     ; Invokes a menu whose items are strings.
      (my-variable "try-me too" :menu number-menu)
                                          ; Produces a table of values.
     (2 "item 3" :boolean)
             (3 "item 4" :number)
             ; The :typep variable type with its argument requires that an entered
             ; value must be an integer between 2 and 8 inclusive.
             (4 "item 5" :typep (integer 2 8)))
      ; Produces a set of values that the user can choose one or more from.
       (veggie-set "veggies" :set (squash peas beans))
                                          ; Produces a blank line.
       "Dairy" (milk-price "Milk"
                   :documentation "Click left to input a new price."
                   :number)))
```

The following figure shows the choose variable values window after the user clicks on the cuts-of-beef-menu variable, which is labeled try-me.



Defining Your Own Variable Type 14.4.3 Some variable types must be decoded to be used by the system. The Explorer system uses the :decode-variable-type method for this.

:decode-variable-type kwd-and-args

Method of w:basic-choose-variable-values

The system uses the :decode-variable-type method on a choose-variable-values window when the system needs to understand an item. The kwd-and-args argument is a list whose car is the item's type keyword and whose remaining elements, if any, are the arguments to that keyword. :decode-variable-type returns the following six values:

- 1. print-function is a function of two arguments—object and stream—used to print the value. Specifying prin1 is acceptable.
- 2. read-function is a function of one argument—the stream—used to read a new value. Specifying read is acceptable. If nil is specified, there is no read-function. Instead, new values are specified by pointing at one choice from a list. If the read-function is a symbol, it is called inside an input editor, and an over-rubout condition automatically leaves the variable with its original value. If read-function is a list, its car is the function, and it is called directly rather than inside an input editor.
- 3. choices consist of a list of the choices to be printed, or nil if only the current value is to be printed. The choices are printed using the printfunction, just as the current value is.
- 4. If there are choices and *print-translate* is non-nil, *print-translate* is an element of the choice list and must return the value to be printed using the *print-function*.
- 5. If there are choices and *value-translate* is non-nil, *value-translate* is an element of the choice list and must return the value to be stored in the variable.
- 6. documentation is a string or list to display in the mouse documentation window when the mouse is pointing at this item. This string or list should tell the user that clicking the mouse changes the value of this variable and should give any special information (for example, that the value must be a number). The structure of this list is discussed in paragraph 11.6, How Windows Handle the Mouse, under the description of the :who-line-documentation-string method of windows.

Alternatively, documentation can be a symbol that is the name of a function. The function is called with one argument, which is the current element of

choices or the current value of the variable if choices is nil. It is a good idea to have the function return a documentation string or list or nil if the default documentation is desired. Using documentation can be helpful when you want to document the meaning of a particular choice rather than simply saying that clicking the mouse on this choice selects the choice. The function returns a constant string or list rather than building one because it is called repeatedly as long as the mouse is pointing at an item of this type. The function is called by the status line updating in the scheduler, not in the user process.

The default method for :decode-variable-type looks for two properties on the keyword's property list:

- The value of the w:choose-variable-values-keyword property is a list of the six values discussed previously. Unnecessary values of nil can be omitted at the end.
- The value of the w:choose-variable-values-keyword-function property is a function that is called with one argument, kwd-and-args. The function must return the same six values as returned by the :decode-variable-type method (discussed previously).

You can add a new variable type to the standard set by putting one of the w:choose-variable-values-keyword or w:choose-variable-values-keyword-function properties on the keyword. You can also define your own flavor of choose-variable-values window and give it a :decode-variable-type method to make your window not use the standard variable types. Your method must take care of implementing the :documentation keyword, which can appear in an item where a variable type would normally appear.

The following example shows how to define :boolean:

## Making Your Own Window

14.4.4 The w:choose-variable-values function may not be adequate if you wish to keep a window permanently exposed or if you wish to alter its behavior. You must then create a window yourself. The following flavors create choose-variable-values windows with different attributes.

#### w:basic-choose-variable-values

Flavor

Required flavor: w:stream-mixin

The basic flavor that makes a window implement the choose-variable-values facility. The w:basic-choose-variable-values flavor is not instantiable.

w:choose-variable-values-window w:choose-variable-values-pane

Flavor Flavor

A choose-variable-values window or pane of a constraint frame, respectively, with a set of features that includes borders, a label at the top, stream I/O, the ability to be scrolled if there are too many variables to fit in the window, and the ability to have choice boxes in the bottom margin. In addition, the w:choose-variable-values-pane flavor redefines the :adjustable-size-p

method to return nil on the assumption that the window's size has been specified by the frame and cannot be changed except by the frame.

#### w:temporary-choose-variable-values-window

Flavor

A w:choose-variable-values-window that can pop up temporarily.

#### w:temporary-choose-variable-values-window

Resource

&optional (superior w:mouse-sheet)

Contains windows of the w:temporary-choose-variable-values-window flavor. The w:choose-variable-values function uses this resource. *superior* specifies this window's superior.

The two main ways of using the previous flavors to create a window are to either specify all the parameters in the init-plist, or not specify the parameters but use the :setup method to set the parameters before using the window. In any case, you must specify the list of variable specifiers and the stack group in which variables are to be evaluated before you can use the window.

The following initialization options are available.

:variables specifier-list Settable.

Initialization Option of w:basic-choose-variable-values

Initializes the list of variable specifiers, telling the window which variables to display and how to read and print the values. The *specifier-list* argument is the list of variable specifiers, the same as in the first argument to the w:choose-variable-values function.

:function fun

Initialization Option of w:basic-choose-variable-values Gettable, settable. Default: nil, indicating no function

The window's associated function, which is the function called when the window changes the value of one of the variables it displays.

:stack-group sg

Initialization Option of w:basic-choose-variable-values Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Initializes the stack group containing binding for the variables whose values are to be chosen. The window needs these bindings so that it can get the values while running in another process (for instance the mouse process) to update the window display when the window is refreshed or scrolled. If you do not specify the stack group at this time, you must specify it with the :setup method before you can use the window.

:name-font font :value-font font :string-font font Initialization Option of w:basic-choose-variable-values Initialization Option of w:basic-choose-variable-values Initialization Option of w:basic-choose-variable-values

Default for all three: The system default font

current value. font specifies the font to use.

Initializes the font used to display the names or values of variables, or strings (typically heading lines), respectively. *font* specifies the font to use.

:unselected-choice-font font

Initialization Option of w:basic-choose-variable-values

Default: A small, distinctive font

Initializes the font used to display the choices for a value other than the

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:selected-choice-font font Initialization Option of w:basic-choose-variable-values

Default: The boldface version of the unselected choice font

Initializes the font used to display the current value of a variable when there is a finite set of choices. *font* specifies the font to use. This should be a boldface version of the preceding font.

:margin-choices choice-list Initialization Option of w:choose-variable-values-window

Default: A single choice box, labeled "Do It"

Initializes a list of specifications for choice boxes to appear in the bottom margin. If this list contains an item with "Do It" as the string, the list is used. If the list does not contain such an item, the default Do It item is appended to the list. Each element can be a string, which is the label for the box that means the user is finished, or a cons of a label string and a form to be evaluated if that choice box is selected. Because this form is evaluated in the user process, it can do such things as alter the values of variables or exit using the throw function. Specifying nil for this initialization option suppresses the margin choices entirely.

If no dimensions are specified in the init-plist, the width and height are automatically chosen according to the other init-plist parameters. The number of variables to be displayed dictates the height. Specifying a height in the init-plist by using any of the standard dimension-specifying options overrides the automatic choice of height. If the specified height is not large enough to display all the choices, scrolling is enabled.

The following fragment of code demonstrates how to create a nonstandard margin choice for a choose variable values window. This example is taken from the Frame option of the Split Screen operation, which in turn was invoked from the System menu. This menu has only one margin choice: a Cancel, analogous to an Abort option. The Do It option that is typically one of the margin choices is, for this case, part of the menu that invokes this choose-variable-values window.

Note that the format to specify margin choices is different from the format used to specify margin choices for the choose-variable-values function. The following function translates a list of margin choices from the choose-variable-values format to the :margin-choices format.

Choose-variable-values windows provide the following methods.

:setup items label function margin-choices

Method of w:basic-choose-variable-values

Changes the list of items (variables), the window label, the constraint function, and the choices in the bottom margin, and sets up the display. The :setup method also remembers the current stack group as the stack group

where the variables are bound. If the window is not exposed (more specifically, if the :adjustable-size-p method on the window returns non-nil), the :setup method reshapes the window to a size based on the specified items.

Arguments:

items - The list of menu items to change.

label — The window label to change.

function — The constraint function to change.

margin-choices — The new list of margin choices. The format is the same as the :margin-choices initialization option.

:set-variables item-list &optional dont-set-height width extra-width margin-choice-width

Method of w:basic-choose-variable-values

Sets the list of variable specifiers that controls the variables displayed in the window, then redisplays the window.

If you want the window to be reshaped, the following conditions must exist:

- 1. The window must be :adjustable-p (that is, deexposed).
- 2. The dont-set-height argument must be nil.
- 3. The width argument must be non-nil.

If these conditions are met and the window is resized, you should use the :expose-near method to reexpose the window to avoid problems with exposing the choose-variable-values window outside its superior.

Arguments:

item-list — The list of variable specifiers.

- dont-set-height When true, inhibits the resizing of the window. Otherwise, allows resizing according to the number of lines needed by the new set of variables. The window can include up to 25 lines; if the window needs to display more lines, it switches to scrolling mode. The default value is nil.
- width The width of the window in characters. If width is nil, no resizing is done. If width is the symbol t, then the new width is calculated according to the needs of the new set of variables. The default value is the inverse of dont-set-height, thus allowing resizing in the default case.
- extra-width The amount of extra space each item must have so that the window is wide enough to display the longest item.
- margin-choice-width The required width, in pixels, to make the window wide enough so all the margin choices fit. If margin-choice-width is nil (the default), an appropriate width is calculated relative to the current set of margin choices, if any.

#### :adjustable-size-p

Method of w:basic-choose-variable-values

If :adjustable-size-p returns non-nil, :setup reshapes the window. By default, this method returns non-nil when the window is deexposed.

:appropriate-width &optional extra-space

Method of w:basic-choose-variable-values

Returns the inside width appropriate for this window to accommodate the current set of variables and their current values. You should use the :appropriate-width method after a :setup method and before an :expose

method, and then use the result to execute the :set-inside-size method. The returned width is less than the maximum that fits inside the superior.

A choose-variable-values window handles mouse clicks by putting blips (lists) in its input buffer. These blips are generated by the mouse process and are supposed to be read in the controlling process. There are two types of blips, both used for specific purposes, and your program must be able to take the appropriate actions when it reads them. The easy way for you to do this is to call the function w:choose-variable-values-process-message, which is provided precisely for this purpose.

:io-buffer io-buffer

Initialization Option of w:basic-choose-variable-values

Default: nil

Sets the I/O buffer to be used for blips and for ordinary input from the window.

The following forms of lists are inserted as blips into the input buffer:

■ (:variable-choice window item value line-no start-x end-x) — The user clicked on the value of a variable to change it. The controlling process should read keyboard input as necessary and set the variable.

window — The choose-variable-values window

item - An item in the window which was selected

value — The value of the variable

line-no - The line number of the item

start-x — The starting x-coordinate of the value

end-x — The ending x-coordinate of the value

■ (:choice-box window box) — The user clicked on one of the choice boxes in the bottom margin. The controlling process may wish to deexpose the window if the box was the Do It box.

window — The choose-variable-values window

box — The name of the box

w:choose-variable-values-process-message window blip

Function

Implements the proper response to the :variable-choice and :choice-box blips. w:choose-variable-values-process-message should be called in the process and stack group in which the variables being chosen are bound. window should be the choose-variable-values window, and blip should be the object read as input from the I/O buffer.

The w:choose-variable-values-process-message function returns nil except when *blip* indicates a click on a Do It choice box.

If *blip* is a :variable-choice blip (that is, the blip indicates that the user clicked on a variable), this function reads user input from the window, as necessary, and sets the variable.

If blip is a :choice-box blip (that is, the blip indicates that the user clicked on a finishing choice), the action depends on the box in it. If the sixth element of box is nil, which is normally the case for the Do It box, this function returns t. Otherwise, the sixth element of box is evaluated, but this function returns nil.

If *blip* is a actually a character rather than a blip, the :process-character method is invoked. It is therefore reasonable to use this function with a loop like the following:

:process-character ch

Method of w:basic-choose-variable-values

Processes command characters entered into the choose-variable-values window. The user can see the available command characters by pressing the HELP key. *ch* is the character entered.

## Mouse-Sensitive Items

14.5 The mouse-sensitive items facility is another kind of choice feature, although it is substantially different from the menu features. The mouse-sensitive items facility is a way of making selected rectangular areas of a window mouse-sensitive. When a user moves the mouse cursor over such a mouse-sensitive area, the rectangular outline of the area is displayed. A mouse-sensitive item associates with this rectangular area an arbitrary Lisp object. Thus, when a user clicks a mouse button on the highlighted mouse-sensitive area under the mouse, input is sent to the window informing the program which associated Lisp object was chosen. The mouse-sensitive items facility also allows a mouse-sensitive item to present a menu when clicked on, giving the user several options for the type of input that the mouse-sensitive item generates.

Mouse-sensitive items differ from other choice facilities, such as menu items, in that they are not permanently associated with a window. Mouse-sensitive items disappear when the window is cleared or when other output covers them up.

The Zmacs List Buffers command (CTRL-X CTRL-B) shows an example of the use of mouse-sensitive items. The line describing each buffer is surrounded by a mouse-sensitive area that is highlighted as you move the mouse cursor over it. If you click right on one of these areas, the system presents a menu that allows you to choose one of the possible operations on the buffer. These mouse-sensitive items generate input to the Zmacs editor that tells it which buffer and which operation was chosen.

#### How Mouse-Sensitive Items Work

14.5.1 Mouse-sensitive items are implemented by the w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items flavor. This flavor is not itself instantiable; instead, you mix it into the flavor of the window that will use mouse-sensitive-items, thus changing the window's mouse handling methods appropriately.

Programs receive input from mouse-sensitive items in the form of mouse blips that can be read from the window's input stream. The content of these mouse blips is defined and interpreted solely by the program. A program using mouse-sensitive item input must follow five basic steps.

1. Define and instantiate a window flavor, mixing in w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items.

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- 2. Create a mouse-sensitive item. A mouse-sensitive item is defined by three attributes: a type, which is a keyword that controls the generation of mouse blips; an item object, which is an arbitrary Lisp object; and a rectangular area. A mouse-sensitive item is created by using methods such as :item or :primitive-items, or by using the ~M directive of the format function.
- 3. Add an entry to the association list in the :item-type-alist instance variable of the window. The :item-type-alist entry for each type of mouse-sensitive item used defines how to generate a mouse blip for items of that type. This entry also defines any menu displayed by items of that type.
- 4. Draw output on the window the text or graphics displayed inside the item's area. This step can be combined with step 2 if you use the -M directive of the format function or the :item method.
- 5. Read the mouse blips generated by a mouse-sensitive items and perform the program operations that they specify.

For each type of mouse-sensitive item, the window's :item-type-alist instance variable must contain an entry of the form

(type left-button-alternative documentation menu-item-1 menu-item-2 ...)

#### where:

type is a keyword for the mouse-sensitive item type.

left-button-alternative is the value that is returned in a mouse blip when the left mouse button is clicked over any item of this type.

documentation is used to define the string that appears in the mouse documentation window when the mouse is over any item of this type. documentation can be a string or a list of the form (doc-function label-function), where doc-function is a function with a single argument (the mouse-sensitive item's item object) that returns the item's mouse documentation string, and label-function is a function with a single argument (the mouse-sensitive item's item object) that returns the string which is used as the label of the item's right-button menu.

menu-item-1, menu-item-2, and so on may be any menu item type described in Table 14-1, Type Value Keywords for Menus. At least one menu item is required. Menu items define a menu displayed when the righthand mouse button is clicked over any item of this type. In this case, the value of the menu item chosen by the user is included in the mouse blip generated.

The mouse blip generated by a mouse-sensitive item has the form (:typeout-execute alternative item-object), where item-object is the Lisp object belonging to the item chosen and where alternative depends on the user's action, as follows:

■ If the user clicked on the item with the left mouse button, alternative is the left-button-alternative from the :item-type-alist entry for the item's type.

■ If the user clicked on the item with the righthand mouse button (thus displaying the item's menu), alternative is the value of chosen menu item from the :item-type-alist entry.

## The -M format Directive

14.5.2 The -M format directive is a simple way to create and display mouse-sensitive items containing text. This method uses the format function to send output to a window stream whose flavor includes the w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items flavor. The options for the -M directive are as follows:

Directive	Description		
~M, ~nM	Prints the argument with <b>princ</b> and creates a mouse-sensitive item. The item object is the argument itself. The item area is the bounding rectangle for the printed argument. The item type defaults to the first item type in the window's :item-type-alistnM can be used to set the item type to the nth item type in :item-type-alist.		
~VM	Like ~M, but used to specify the item type with a symbol, rather than by position. Two arguments are used. The first argument gives the item type; the second argument, which is printed, gives the item object.		
~:M,~:nM	A recursive directive, where the argument is a list containing the item object, followed by a format string and format arguments. A mouse-sensitive item is created with an area that encloses all of the output specified by the format string and format arguments. The format string may include additional -M directives, thus creating nested items. The type of the item created by -: M is given by the first item type in the window's :item-type-alist: nM can be used to set the item type to the nth item type in :item-type-alist.		
~:VM	Like ~:M, but used to specify the item type with a symbol, rather than by position. Two arguments are used. The first argument gives the item type; the second argument is a list that contains the item object, followed by a format string and format arguments, as described for ~:M.		

NOTE: Items created by -M cannot extend over more than one line.

For example, the following code creates an instance of a mouse-sensitive window that includes three item types: a word item type, a phrase item type, and a sentence item type.

Next, the window is selected, several mouse-sensitive items are output on it, and then the system waits for the user to select one of the items.

When the user boxes words and phrases, the display appears similar to the following:

This sentence contains some mouse-sensitive words and phrases.

If the user clicks on sentence, the system returns (:typeout-execute left-click-word "sentence").

If the user clicks on words and phrases, the system returns (:typeout-execute left-click-phrase "words and phrases").

Similarly, the following code selects the same window again and creates and displays some mouse-sensitive items. The system then waits for the user to select one of the items.

When the user boxes the entire sentence, the display appears similar to the following:

#### This whole sentence, as well as some words and phrases, is mouse-sensitive.

If the user clicks on the entire sentence, the system returns (:typeout-execute left-click-sentence the-whole-sentence).

Using w:basic- 14.5.3 mouse-sensitive-items

Flavor

w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items
Required flavors: w:essential-mouse, w:stream-mixin

Supplies the capability to output mouse-sensitive items on a window. The w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items flavor is called basic because it redefines the handling of the mouse by the window; mixing w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items into another flavor that defines a different type of mouse handling does not work. However, unlike many basic flavors, w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items does not do anything special with the displayed image of the window.

:item-type-alist item-type Initialization Option of w:basic-mouse-sensitive-litems

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Associated with each item type is a set of operations that are legal to perform on items of that type. One of these operations is selected as the default. The format of *item-type* is described in detail in paragraph 14.5.2, How Mouse-Sensitive Items Work.

The following code shows part of the item-type association list used in typeout windows of editor windows.

```
((zwei:directory zwei:directory-edit-1
  :mouse-L-1 "Run DIRED on this directory." :mouse-R-1 "menu of View, Edit."
  ("View" :value zwei:view-directory
    :documentation "View this directory")
  ("Edit" :value zwei:directory-edit-1
    :documentation "Run DIRED on this directory."))
(zwei:file zwei:find-defaulted-file
    :mouse-L-1 "Find file this file." :mouse-R-1 "menu of Load, Find, Compare."
  ("Load" :value zwei:load-defaulted-file
    :documentation "LOAD this file.")
  ("Find" :value zwei:find-defaulted-file
    :documentation "Find file this file.")
  ("Compare" :value zwei:srccom-file
    :documentation "Compare this file with the newest version."))
(zwei:flavor-name zwei:edit-definition-for-mouse
   :mouse-L-1 "Edit definition." :mouse-R-1 "menu of Describe, Edit."
  ("Describe" :value zwei:describe-flavor-internal
     documentation "Describe this flavor.")
  ("Edit" :value zwei:edit-definition-for-mouse
    :documentation "Edit definition.")))
```

For the Load alternative on a file item in the editor, the blip might be as follows:

```
(:typeout-execute zwei:load-defaulted-file
#□fs:logical-pathname "SYS: SYS; QFCTNS LISP"□)
```

## w:add-typeout-item-type alist type name function & optional default-p documentation

Macro

Adds an entry to an association list kept in a special variable; this action declares information about a mouse-sensitive item type. This association list can then be put into the item-type association list of a mouse-sensitive window, for example, using the :item-type-alist init-plist option. Note that each possible alternative for a particular mouse-sensitive item type is defined with a separate w:add-typeout-item-type form. This convention allows each alternative to be defined at the place in the program where it is implemented rather than collecting all the alternatives into a separate table. The w:add-typeout-item-type macro also allows new alternatives to be added in a modular fashion.

alist, type, and function are not evaluated when the macro is expanded. name, default-p, and documentation are evaluated.

In the editor, function is interpreted (when a :typeout-execute blip is read) as a function to be called, and the w:add-typeout-item-type form is typically placed immediately before the function definition of function.

Arguments:

alist — The special variable containing the association list. You should set alist to nil (for example, by using defvar) before defining the first item type. Each program that uses mouse-sensitive items has its own association list of item types so that there is no conflict in the names of the types.

type - The keyword symbol for the type being defined.

name — The name of the operation performed on typeout items of this type.

function — The function performed if the user clicks on a mouse-sensitive item of this type. The function(s) that executes is listed in the mouse documentation window.

default-p — If non-nil, this method is the default performed when you click the left button on an item of this type.

documentation — Optional but highly recommended; a string or list that documents what function does. When the user points the mouse at an item of this type, the mouse documentation window at the bottom of the screen gives the documentation for the default function (reachable by the left button) and a list of the functions in the menu (reachable by the right button). If the user clicks right, calling for a menu, then the documentation for whichever function in the menu he or she points the mouse at is displayed.

The following methods are used to print items on a window.

:item type item &rest format-args

Method of w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items

Prints a new item item of type type, either by calling format with format-args, or by calling princ on item if format-args is nil.

The mouse-sensitive area of the item is whatever space is used by printing it, as judged by the motion of the cursor.

The arguments *item* and *type* are not necessarily used in printing the item, but they are used in handling a click on the item. *type* is used to look up a function in the item-type association list, and *item* is placed directly into the :typeout-execute blip.

The following example shows an editor window where standard-output is a window that supports mouse-sensitive items, executes **princ** on the value of pathname, and makes an item of type zwei:file whose data is that pathname.

(send standard-output :item 'zwei:file pathname)

:primitive-item type item left top right bottom

Method of w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items Method of w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items

:primitive-item-outside type item left top right bottom

Defines the position of a mouse-sensitive item without printing it. (Presumably, you print it yourself, either before or after calling this method.) These methods differ in the way the coordinate arguments are defined.

As in the :item method, item and type are not necessarily used in printing the item, but they are used in handling a click on the item. The type argument is used to look up a function in the item-type association list, and item is placed directly into the :typeout-execute blip.

In :primitive-item, the coordinates are relative to the inside top-left corner of the window (that is, they are cursor positions such as the :read-cursorpos method would return).

In :primitive-item-outside, the coordinates are relative to the outside corner of the window (like values of the w:cursor-x and w:cursor-y instance variables).

#### :item-list type list

#### Method of w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items

Prints an item for each element of *list*. An element of *list* can be either a string or a list of the form (name . item). In the latter case, name (typically a string) is printed with princ, and item is used as the data for the item. If the element is an atom, that atom serves both as data and an argument to princ. All the items are of type type.

The elements of *list* are displayed using the geometry specified in initialization options or with the default layout used by the w:menu flavor.

#### :mouse-sensitive-item x y

Method of w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items

Returns either a list describing the mouse-sensitive item found at cursor position x, y in the window, or nil if there is no item there.

The list has the following format:

(type item left top right bottom)

#### where:

type and item are not necessarily used in printing the item, but they are used in handling a click on the item. The type argument is used to look up a function in the item-type association list, and item is placed directly into the :typeout-execute blip.

left, top, right, and bottom are cursor position coordinates relative to the outside top-left corner of the window.

The :mouse-click method of w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items ignores all clicks that are not over a mouse-sensitive item except for #\MOUSE-R-2. If you want access to the clicks that occur over non-sensitive areas of the screen, you can define a method called :non-sensitive-mouse-click, which is called automatically by the :mouse-click method in the appropriate circumstance.

#### :non-sensitive-mouse-click button x y

User-supplied method of w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items

The arguments of :non-sensitive-mouse-click are the same as the arguments passed to :mouse-click, the current button pressed, and x and y, the current mouse coordinates. The :mouse-click method automatically calls the :non-sensitive-mouse-click method if a click occurs while the cursor is not over a

mouse-sensitive item. The return value of the :non-sensitive-mouse-click method is returned as :mouse-click's return value.

NOTE: Because :mouse-click is an :or method combination, a true value inhibits subsequent handlers of :mouse-click, including essential-mouse. If you want the rest of the mouse processing to continue after you return from :non-sensitive-mouse-click, you return nil from :non-sensitive-mouse-click. If you do not want the rest of :mouse-click processing to continue, you return true from :non-sensitive-mouse-click.

#### Margin Choices

14.6 A window can be augmented with choice boxes in its bottom margin using the flavor w:margin-choice-mixin. These choice boxes give the user a few labeled mouse-sensitive points that are independent of anything else in the window.

Margin choices are not a complete, standalone choice facility and consequently do not have an easy-to-use functional interface.

For an example of a window with margin choices (as well as choice boxes in its interior), try the editor command META-X Kill or Save Buffers.

#### w:margin-choice-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:essential-window

Puts choice boxes in the bottom margin, according to a list of choice-box descriptors that can be specified with the :margin-choices initialization option or the :set-margin-choices method. A choice box descriptor has the following form:

(name state function  $x1 \ x2$ : documentation documentation-list)

#### where:

name is a string that labels the box.

state is t if the box has an X in it, or nil if it is empty.

function is a function called in a separate process if the user clicks on the choice box. This function receives three arguments: the choice-box descriptor for the choice box, the margin region that contains the choice boxes, and the y-position of the mouse relative to this window. You probably want to ignore the last two arguments. When function is called, self is bound to the window, so function can use (declare (:self-flavor flavor)) to access the window's instance variables. The structure access functions w:choice-box-name and w:choice-box-state can be of use inside function. If function changes the state of the choice box, it needs to refresh the choice boxes by executing the following:

```
(funcall
  (w:margin-region-function region) :refresh region)
```

where region is the second argument of function, which is why that argument is passed.

x1 and x2 are used internally to store the location of a choice box. x1 is the left edge of the box; x2 is the right edge of the box. Both x1 and x2 are pixel positions measured from the outside left edge of the window. Choices boxes are always spread out evenly in the available width of the window.

:documentation documentation-list is either a string or a list that provides mouse documentation. (The structure of this list is discussed in paragraph 11.6, How Windows Handle the Mouse, under the description of the :who-line-documentation-string method of windows.)

The w:margin-choice-mixin flavor contains the w:margin-region-mixin flavor as an included flavor; thus, w:margin-region-mixin appears in any combination immediately after w:margin-choice-mixin if it is not explicitly specified to appear somewhere else. The position of the w:margin-region-mixin flavor controls where the choice boxes appear in relation to the other margin items (borders, labels, and so forth).

To create a menu with margin choices, the w:menu flavor interfaces the margin choices to the menu.

#### :margin-choices list

Initialization Option of w:margin-choice-mixin

Settable. Default: nil

Sets either a list of margin choices, or nil. If nil, no choice boxes appear and there is no space for them in the bottom margin; however, the window is still capable of using the :set-margin-choices method to create a line of choice boxes later. If non-nil, a line of choice boxes appears in the bottom margin of the window.

### :margin-choice-default-font font

Initialization Option of w:margin-choice-mixin

Default: 0.

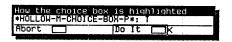
Sets an index of a font in the font map of the window to be the default font for the margin choice. The default, 0, specifies the first font in the window's font map.

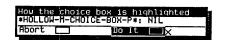
## w:\*hollow-m-choice-box-p\* Default: t

Variable

Whether the box that surrounds the margin choice is a hollow box (that is, appears as standard video) or is a solid box (that is, appears as reverse video). The box is actually a blinker. A value of t produces a hollow blinker; a value of nil produces a solid rectangular blinker. This variable can be changed in the Profile utility.

For example, the following code produces a choose-variable-values window in which the user can change the value of w:\*hollow-m-choice-box-p\* and then move to the margin choice to see what the effect of the value is.





### **FRAMES**

#### **Using Frames**

15.1 A frame is a window that is divided into subwindows, using the hierarchical structure of the window system. The subwindows, called panes, are the inferiors of the frame, and the frame is the superior of each pane.

Frames provide a convenient way to organize both information to be displayed and responses to be received from the user. Several frequently used system programs—such as the Inspector, the window-based debugger, the Glossary, and the Zmacs editor—use frames. In Zmacs, each new editor window is a pane of the Zmacs frame.

From the number of system programs that use frames, you can see some of the operations for which frames are designed. Using a frame as a user interface to an interactive subsystem is a convenient way to put many different items on the video display, each in its own place. You can split the frame into areas in which you can display text or graphics, areas where you can put menus or other mouse-sensitive input areas, and areas to interact with, where the keyboard input is echoed or otherwise acknowledged.

The Select menu and the TERM and SYSTEM keys should treat a frame and its panes as a unit. The mixins w:inferiors-not-in-select-menu-mixin and w:alias-for-inferiors-mixin in the frame's flavor are responsible for this treatment. As a result, selection of panes within the frame is done by making the chosen pane the selection substitute of the frame. The program managing the frame can maintain a selected pane within the frame in this way, while letting the user decide when to select the frame as a whole.

It is also common for all of the panes to use the same input buffer so that the program can always receive its input in the same fashion and collect keyboard and mouse input from all the panes.

In addition to frames that serve a single application, you can also create frames that include two or more unrelated frames or windows. For example, suppose you create a frame with the System menu Split Screen option that includes both an Inspector and a Zmacs editor, each of equal size. The frame as a whole makes its panes share an input buffer and allows them to be individually represented both in the Select menu and for the TERM and SYSTEM keys. It also lets the panes—in this case, a half-size Inspector and a half-size editor, which are in turn frames—be selected independently rather than as substitutes for the frame because each window in the split screen frame is managed by its own process.

One kind of frame is the constraint frame, which adjusts the shapes of its panes automatically as its own shape is changed. Because constraint frames are a ready-to-use facility, they are described first along with WINIFRED, the window-based frame editor that helps you create code to generate constraint frames. There are more basic frame flavors that can be used to create frames that manage their panes' exposure and shapes in other ways. Zmacs, for example, manages its frames in a special way.

This section describes what frames are and explains how to use them on the Explorer system. Examples of frequently used or difficult features are given. These examples are written so that they can be executed directly, without additional coding.

#### **Constraint Frames**

15.2 Constraint frames are the most useful frame mechanism because of their ability to change shape upon request. One way to see this change is by using the Edit Screen feature of the System menu.

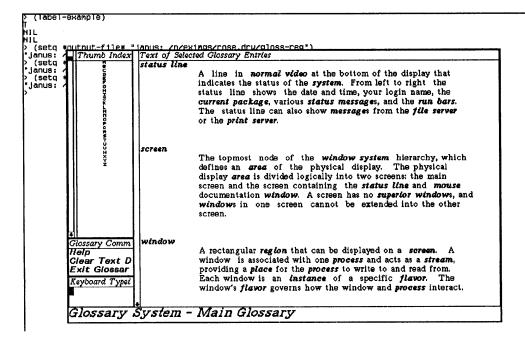
Consider the following three figures. The first figure shows the Glossary window, a typical constraint frame, as it normally appears when first invoked.

*Menu of Glossary Entries	Thumb Index	Text of Selected Glossary Entries				
screen	Α	status Une				
screen array	B	A line in normal video at the bottom of the display that				
screen formatter		indicates the status of the system. From left to right the				
screen manager	C	status line shows the date and time, your login name, the				
scroll bar	D	current package, various status messages, and the run bars.				
scrolling	E	The status line can also show messages from the file server				
scrolling window		or the print server.				
SCSI bus	F					
section	G					
sectionize	Й Н	SC780R				
seed		The topmost node of the window system hierarchy, which				
select selected window	I	defines an area of the physical display. The physical				
	J	display area is divided logically into two screens: the main				
self-evaluating form semilexicographic comparison	K	screen and the screen containing the status Une and mouse				
semilexicographie comparison sequence	1 1	documentation window. A screen has no superion windows, and				
sequence	L	windows in one screen cannot be extended into the other screen.				
set	l m l	actean,				
settable	N					
shadow		window				
SHIFT key	0	A rectangular region that can be displayed on a screen. A				
signaling	P	window is associated with one process and acts as a stream,				
significant command	Q R	providing a place for the process to write to and read from				
simple array	%	Each window is an instance of a specific flavor. The				
simple sequencing function	K	window's flavor governs how the window and process interact.				
single-colon package qualifier	S	, o and the man product in the contract in the				
small computer systems interface bus	S T					
sorting	انا					
SPACE key						
special form	v					
special variable	lwl					
specialized array						
specializing type specifier						
spelling completion spline	Y					
spline split screen	lzl					
stable rounding	-					
+						
Glossary Command Menu						
Help Clear Text Di	splay					
Exit Glossary						
Keyboard Typein Window						
Glossary System - Main Glossary						
L,M,R: Display Text for this Gross Reference.						
Smyl Mapay real for one does reference.  Mouse is over a Cross Reference.						
POLAGEO AGISSISSUN MEDD - HENI	K <u>eubo</u> ard	→ Lima: WEBB; IMAGE.XLD#2 0				

The next figure shows the Glossary when it has been made smaller using the Edit Screen option of the System menu. A Lisp Listener appears behind the Glossary. Note the differences in the heights of the individual panes. Not only are the individual panes smaller, the font in the *Thumb Index* pane changes. This font changes because the flavor that produces the Glossary window is defined to use a smaller font when the *Thumb Index* pane becomes smaller. In addition, the *Glossary Command Menu* pane has changed from two columns to one column.

q * a-list		1	nted Glossary Entries
	A	status line	A think to make a middle at the battam of the discitor that
: 1 abnormal			A line in normal video at the bottom of the display that
ABORT &		11	indicates the status of the system. From left to right the
access fu		1	status line shows the date and time, your login name, the
access op		11	current package, various status messages, and the run bars.
accessor activatio			The status line can also show messages from the file server
activatio		11	or the <i>print server</i> .
active pro		SCTERT	
active wi		screen	The topmost node of the window system hierarchy, which
advise			defines an area of the physical display. The physical
after dae		11	display area is divided logically into two screens: the main
alu funci		11	screen and the screen containing the status line and mouse
ancesto		11	documentation window. A screen has no superior windows, and
application			windows in one screen cannot be extended into the other
4010005			screen.
apropos e	o R	11	
area	s	i I	
argumen	t T	window	
arithmeti		11	A rectangular region that can be displayed on a screen. A
array	l v	[]	window is associated with one process and acts as a stream,
array lea		11	providing a place for the process to write to and read from.
arrest			Each window is an instance of a specific flavor. The
art-q arr			window's flavor governs how the window and process interact.
associati		11	
associati	מס	11	
#		Ji	
	mmand Menu	]	
Help		11	
Clear Tex		i i	
Exit Glos	sary	] ]	
Variabased T	ypein Window	7.1	

The third shows a much smaller version of the Glossary window. In this figure note that one pane (the *Menu of Glossary Entries* pane) has disappeared altogether, and that the names of the commands in the *Glossary Command Menu* pane are truncated.



The constraint frame mechanism works so well because the positions and shapes are specified symbolically. For other windows, the positions and shapes are specified explicitly in terms of pixel coordinates and pixel dimensions. For constraint frames, you specify the positions and shapes of the panes as a set of constraints. The following three items are specified by the set of constraints:

- Which window flavors are used for each frame
- What layout should be used to organize the frames
- How the space for the window should be allocated among the various panes

Another feature of constraint frames is the ability to include several configurations. A *configuration* is a particular layout of a frame. Changing from one configuration to another allows you to present the frame in different ways, as described in paragraph 15.5.3, Multiple-Configuration Constraint Frame. For example, the Inspector has several configurations.

#### Constraint Frame Editor

- 15.3 The constraint frame editor (WINIFRED) is a menu-driven utility that generates code for constraint frames. Using WINIFRED enables a programmer to:
- Specify the position and size of panes in a constraint frame by using the mouse to drag one border of the pane
- Optionally specify the flavor type and name of a pane
- Write the constraint frame code generated by WINIFRED to a Zmacs buffer or to a file for later use
- Generate a sample constraint frame specified with WINIFRED
- Change the defaults for creating constraint frames

In addition, if the programmer edits the constraint frame code in the Zmacs buffer, he or she can then evaluate the buffer and use WINIFRED to test the edited code.

WINIFRED includes help screens that are invoked either by pressing the HELP key or by selecting the Help item in the WINIFRED command menu.

NOTE: The details of how the Explorer window system implements constraint frames are discussed later in this section. The following procedure describes how to use WINIFRED to create constraint frames with enough detail for you to follow the discussion.

#### Invoking WINIFRED

#### 15.3.1 To invoke WINIFRED, do the following:

- 1. If you are unsure whether WINIFRED is currently available on your Explorer system, invoke the System menu.
  - If an item called Frame Editor is listed in the Programs column of the System menu, WINIFRED is already available on your Explorer system. Skip to step 2.
  - If an item called Frame Editor is *not* listed in the Programs column of the System menu, you must first make the frame editor system before you can use it.

Execute the form (make-system 'winifred :noconfirm). The Explorer system requires several minutes to load the required files.

2. Invoke the System menu, if necessary, and select the Frame Editor item in the Programs column.

WINIFRED displays a command menu similar to the following:

```
CONSTRAINT FRAME EDITOR MENU
INITIALIZE OUTSIDE EDGES OF FRAME
DIVIDE FRAME INTO PANES
EDIT NAMES AND FLAVORS OF CONSTRAINT PANES
BUILD A FRAME IN A ZMACS BUFFER
WRITE EDGES, PANES AND CONSTRAINTS LISTS TO A FILE
WRITE EDGES, PANES AND CONSTRAINTS LISTS TO A ZMACS BUFFER
CHANGE SYSTEM DEFAULTS
REFRESH CURRENT FRAME
RESTART CURRENT FRAME
HELP
EXIT
```

#### Using WINIFRED

15.3.2 The process of creating a constraint frame using WINIFRED includes these general steps. Each of these steps is described in detail later.

- 1. Initialize the size and position of the constraint frame.
- 2. If desired, change the system defaults for the constraint lists and variable names.
- 3. Divide the frame into panes. (You specify pane size and position by subdividing a current pane and dragging a border of the new pane with the mouse.)
- 4. Supply the names and flavor types of the panes. If you do not specify either of these for a pane, WINIFRED specifies either a default or a dummy value for them.
- 5. Either write the code generated by WINIFRED to a file or write it to a Zmacs buffer and then save the buffer to a file.
- 6. Optionally, write the code to a buffer and then evaluate the buffer to generate a sample frame with this constraint. Using this mechanism, you can make changes in the code and evaluate the changed code to see how the frame is affected.

7. Exit WINIFRED by selecting the Exit item or by moving to another part of the Explorer system.

In practice, the division between steps 2, 3, and 4 and their order of execution is not rigid; you can create a pane, then change its name and flavor type, reassign the default values, create another pane or two, change their names and flavor types, and so on.

Initializing the Size and Position of the Constraint Frame 15.3.2.1 To initialize the size and position of the constraint frame, select the INITIALIZE CONSTRAINT FRAME SIZE AND POSITION item. This command invokes a pop-up menu that offers four choices:

- Whole WINIFRED Window Creates a constraint frame that covers the entire main screen.
- Keyboard Set Edges Pops up a choose-variables-value window that prompts you for the pixel location of the four edges of the constraint frame. WINIFRED creates a frame of this size and at this position. Thus, to create a frame that is 900 x 500 pixels wide with the frame origin offset from the origin of the screen by 50,50, you would specify Top as 50, Left as 50, Bottom as 550, and Right as 950.
- Centered Height and Width Pops up a choose-variables-value window that prompts you for the height and width of the constraint frame. WINIFRED creates a frame of this size centered within the main screen. Thus, to create a frame that is 900 x 500 pixels wide, you would specify width as 900 and Height as 500.
- Exit Returns to the main WINIFRED menu.

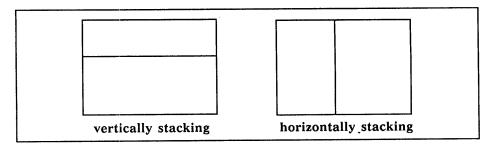
When you initialize the size of the frame, WINIFRED displays the borders around the frame as well as the name of the pane used in the code and the flavor type of the pane. The pane name is a dummy name followed by a unique number; the pane flavor is a system value, which you can change.

Changing the Default Values

15.3.2.2 Invoking the CHANGE SYSTEM DEFAULTS item pops up a choose-variables-value window that prompts you for various default values:

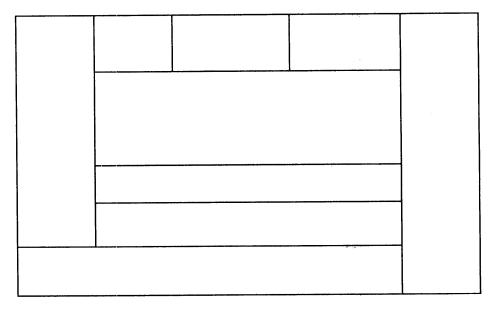
- The name of the default flavor type for each pane. At any time while you are creating panes within a constraint frame, you can change the default value for the flavor type of the panes you create after you change the default. This default value does not change for the panes you have already created.
- The name of the entire configuration. (This is *not* used for the label of the constraint frame.)
- The variable that contains the panes list.
- The variable that contains the constraints list.
- The variable that contains the constraint frame edges.

Specifying Pane Size and Position 15.3.2.3 In WINIFRED, you specify the size and position of panes by dividing one of the current panes or the frame itself into smaller and smaller panes. You can divide a pane into vertically stacking panes by clicking left, or into horizontally stacking panes by clicking right. Clicking middle returns to the main WINIFRED menu.



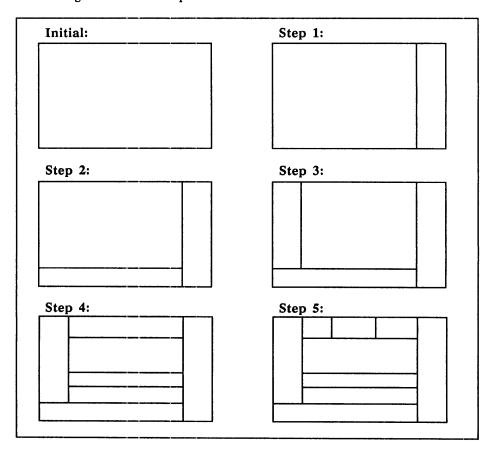
After you click to divide the pane, WINIFRED displays the border of the pane with an arrow pointing to it. You can drag the border within its parent frame to determine the size and position of the pane. When you have the border in its desired position, click either left or right to select that position; click middle to abort that pane division. (Once you click to set the position for that pane, that pane exists. If you accidentally click and create a pane that you do not want, you must restart the current frame.) When you subdivide an existing pane, that pane disappears and the two new panes appear, as indicated by the new borders, pane names, and pane flavors.

For example, consider the following configuration.



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To create this configuration, you must create the panes in a specific order, dividing each larger pane into smaller panes. For panes with the same width or the same height (as in steps 4 and 5 shown in the following figure), the order in which you create the panes does not matter. In more detail, the WINIFRED window appears similar to the following at the end of each step of dividing the frame into panes:



If desired, you could use an alternate order for creating the panes shown in steps 4 and 5. For example, you could create the small upper pane and then divide that pane into three. Finally, you would divide the center pane into its smaller lower panes.

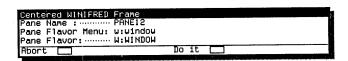
When you want to return to other parts of WINIFRED, click middle to invoke the main WINIFRED menu.

NOTE: The division between subdividing panes and supplying their information is arbitrary. You can move freely between these two procedures. However, first creating all the panes and then specifying their names and flavors is slightly quicker than mingling the two procedures.

Specifying Pane Flavor Type and Name 15.3.2.4 After you have created the panes, you are now ready to specify the names and flavor of those panes. If you do not specify either of these values for a pane, WINIFRED supplies either a default or a dummy value for them. To specify other values, follow these steps:

- 1. Select the EDIT NAMES AND FLAVORS OF CONSTRAINT PANES item.
- 2. Choose which pane to describe by pointing at it and clicking either left or right with the mouse.

WINIFRED invokes a choose-variable-values window similar to the following that prompts you for the name and flavor of the pane.



- 3. Enter the information.
  - The internal name of the pane must be a unique symbol. This pane name is used within the code to identify the pane; this name is separate from the pane label that appears when the constraint frame is visible. When you click on the value next to the prompt, you can enter the new value.
  - The flavor type of the pane must be the name of a valid flavor. Either the Pane Flavor Menu field or the Pane Flavor field can be used to change the flavor type of the pane; both affect the same variable, and the last value entered in either field is the value used. Selecting the Flavor Type Menu pops up a menu with several commonly used flavors. If the flavor you want is not on this menu, you can enter the name of a flavor by selecting the Flavor Name item and typing the name.

Flavors that are not system-defined do not need to be defined before you specify them in this menu. However, if a flavor is not defined, you cannot successfully create a sample constraint frame (described in paragraph 15.3.2.6).

- 4. Select one of the margin choices to exit from the choose-variable-values window. After you select the Do It item or you press end, WINIFRED updates the pane name and flavor displayed in the frame.
- 5. Repeat steps 2 through 5 for each pane whose information you want to change.

If you are using similar flavors or names for several panes, you may be able to use the input history and other input editor commands to save keystrokes. Pressing CTRL-C inserts the last term you typed into the input buffer; pressing META-C inserts the next-to-last term; pressing META-C again inserts the term input before that, and so on.

6. Return to the main WINIFRED menu by clicking middle.

Writing the Code to a Buffer or File

15.3.2.5 When you have generated your constraint frame, write the code either to a Zmacs buffer or to a file to save it for later use. If you choose either of these options, WINIFRED prompts you for the name of a buffer or file, and then writes the code to that buffer or file.

For example, the following code was generated for the configuration described in paragraph 12.3.2.3.

```
;;; -*- Mode: Common-Lisp; Package:FRED; Base: 10; Fonts:hl12,HL12B,HL12BI -*-
(setq *WINIFRED-CONSTRAINT-LI$T*
 ((*WINIFRED-DEFAULT-CONSTRAINT* (USER::DUMMY1)
 ((USER::DUMMY1:HORIZONTAL (:EVEN) (USER::DUMMY2 RIGHT-MENU)
  ((USER::DUMMY2:VERTICAL (0.79941005) (USER::DUMMY3 BOTTOM)
((USER::DUMMY3:HORIZONTAL (0.8051771) (LEFT-MENU USER::DUMMY4) ((LEFT-MENU 0.16482165))
    ((USER::DUMMY4:VERTICAL (:EVEN) (USER::DUMMY5 MIDDLE HISTORY2 HISTORY1)
    ((USER::DUMMY5:HORIZONTAL (0.24873096) (REG1 REG2 REG3)
      ((REG1 0.2827688) (REG2 0.36524302)) ((REG3 :EVEN)))
       (MIDDLE 0.43824026) (HISTORY2 0.1573604))
    ((HIŠTORY1 :EVEN)))))
    ((BOTTOM :EVEN)))
 ((RIGHT-MENU :EVEN)))))
(setq *WINIFRED-PANE-LIST*
((RIGHT-MENU CMD-MENU) (BOTTOM W:WINDOW) (HISTORY1 W:WINDOW) (HISTORY2 W:WINDOW)
(MIDDLE W::LISP-LISTENER) (REG3 W:WINDOW) (REG2 W:WINDOW) (REG1 W:WINDOW)
(LEFT-MENU CMD-MENU))
(setq *WINIFRED-EDGE-LIST*
(1 1 1018 735)
```

Creating a Sample Frame 15.3.2.6 Alternately, you can first write the code to a buffer (by selecting the Build a Frame in a Zmacs Buffer entry) and then evaluate the buffer to generate a sample frame. If you specified a user-defined flavor as one of the pane flavors (such as CMD-MENU in the example), that flavor must be defined in memory before you build the test frame. For example, if you evaluate the following buffer before you define CMD-MENU, the system returns an error.

;;; -\*- Mode: Common-Lisp; Package:FRED; Base: 10; Fonts:hl12,HL12B,HL12BI,cptfont -\*-

First, evaluate the following Setq forms. Then evaluate the function BUILD-TEST-FRAME, which will ask you to supply the flavor of the frame, make an instance called \*winifred-test-frame\*. and then Expose your frame. You can make changes to the lists and see the results by re-executing BUILD-TEST-FRAME.

Press <Term>-f to return to WINIFRED. Press <System>-e to go to ZMACS.

```
((RIGHT-MENU :EVEN)))))
)
(setq *WINIFRED-PANE-LIST*
'((RIGHT-MENU CMD-MENU) (BOTTOM W:WINDOW) (HISTORY1 W:WINDOW) (HISTORY2 W:WINDOW)
(MIDDLE W::LISP-LISTENER) (REG3 W:WINDOW) (REG2 W:WINDOW) (REG1 W:WINDOW)
(LEFT-MENU CMD-MENU))
)
(setq *WINIFRED-EDGE-LIST*
'(1 1 1018 735)

(BUILD-TEST-FRAME *WINIFRED-CONSTRAINT-LIST* *WINIFRED-PANE-LIST* *WINIFRED-EDGE-LIST*)
```

Exiting WINIFRED

15.3.2.7 You can exit WINIFRED at any time by selecting the Exit item or by selecting another system on the Explorer by pressing a SYSTEM keystroke sequence or by selecting a program from the System menu.

## Editing the Generated Code

15.3.3 As you can see from the examples of code, the code would be more readable with certain minor changes, including the following:

- Delete the USER:: package specifiers.
- Round the numeric specifiers to one or two digits.
- Stack the pane list vertically. (The Zmacs editor command, META-X Stack List Vertically, was used to stack the list in the example.)

You then need to add initialization options to the panes list, such as labels, item lists, and so on. In addition, you should add the code that defines any required flavors. The following code includes a definition of the user-defined flavor cmd-menu, labels and blinkers for the history and register panes (some of which are nil in this example), and menu item lists for the menus. Note the use of the backquote feature with the menu item lists.

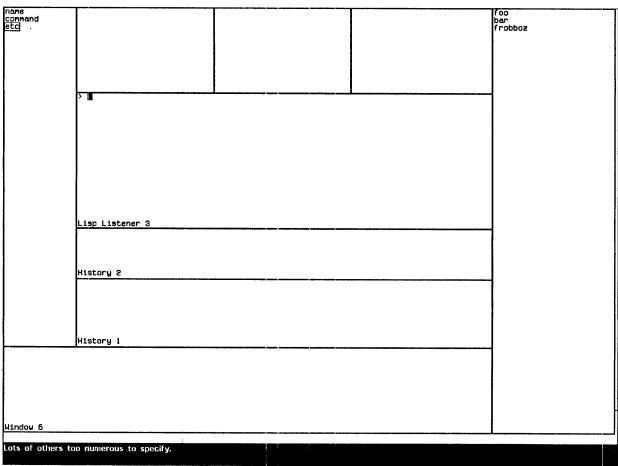
```
::; -*- Mode: Common-Lisp; Package:FRED; Base: 10; Fonts:hl12,HL12B,HL12Bl,cptfont -*-
(defflavor cmd-menu () (w:menu)
 (:default-init-plist
   :command-menu t
  :dynamic t
  :permanent t))
(defvar rt-menu-list '(("foo" :value 'foo :documentation "This is a foo.")
                      ("bar" :value 'bar :documentation "That is a bar.")
                      ("frobboz" :value 'frobboz :documentation "Another frobboz.")))
(defvar It-menu-list '(("name" :value 'name :documentation "The name of this thing.")
                    ("command" :value 'command :documentation "The command that drives it.")
                    ("etc" :value 'and-so-on :documentation "Lots of others too numerous to specify.")))
(setq *WINIFRED-CONSTRAINT-LIST*
 ((*WINIFRED-DEFAULT-CONSTRAINT* (DUMMY6)
  ((DUMMY6: HORIZONTAL (:EVEN) (DUMMY7 RIGHT-MENU)
   ((DUMMY7 : VERTICAL (0.8) (DUMMY8 BOTTOM)
    ((DUMMY8 :HORIZONTAL (0.8) (LEFT-MENU DUMMY9) ((LEFT-MENU 0.15))
            ((DUMMY9: VERTICAL (:EVEN) (DUMMY10 MIDDLE HISTORY2 HISTORY1)
              ((DUMMY10 :HORIZONTAL (0.25) (REG1 REG2 REG3)
               ((REG1 0.33) (REG2 0.33)) ((REG3 :EVEN)))
               (MIDDLE 0.4) (HISTORY2 0.15))
              ((HISTORY1 :EVEN)))))
    ((BOTTOM :EVEN))))
```

```
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```

```
((RIGHT-MENU :EVEN)))))
)
(setq *WINIFRED-PANE-LIST*
'((RIGHT-MENU CMD-MENU :Item-list ,rt-menu-list)
(BOTTOM W:WINDOW :blinker-p nil) :label "History 1")
(HISTORY1 W:WINDOW :blinker-p nil :label "History 2")
(MIDDLE W::LISP-LISTENER)
(REG3 W:WINDOW :blinker-p nil :label nil)
(REG2 W:WINDOW :blinker-p nil :label nil)
(REG1 W:WINDOW :blinker-p nil :label nil)
(LEFT-MENU CMD-MENU :Item-list ,It-menu-list))
)
(setq *WINIFRED-EDGE-LIST*
'(1 1 1018 735)
```

(BUILD-TEST-FRAME \*WINIFRED-CONSTRAINT-LIST\* \*WINIFRED-PANE-LIST\* \*WINIFRED-EDGE-LIST\*)

If you evaluate this code and build the test frame again, the frame appears similar to the following:



05/05/87 10:31:05AM WEBB FRED: Keyboard

## Using the Generated Code in Your Application

15.3.4 After you are satisfied with the frame as it appears, you are ready to put the code into your own application. Follow these steps:

- 1. Copy the setqs that define \*WINIFRED-CONSTRAINT-LIST\*, \*WINIFRED-PANE-LIST\*, and \*WINIFRED-EDGE-LIST\* to another buffer and change their names to something unique for your application. In this example, they are renamed to \*MY-CONSTRAINT-LIST\*, \*MY-PANE-LIST\*, and \*MY-EDGE-LIST\*, respectively.
- 2. Replace \*WINIFRED-DEFAULT-CONSTRAINT\* with  $\boldsymbol{t}.$
- 3. Add the make-instance to create the frame along with any supporting code. For example, the following code creates a constraint frame that has a label for the frame as a whole:

You can then call the function from your application.

#### Constraint Frame Flavors

15.4 Several flavors can be used to construct a constraint frame. The simplest flavor is w:constraint-frame.

w:basic-frame

Flavor

The basic flavor that provides frame handling. All frame flavors are built from w:basic-frame. The w:frame-forwarding-mixin flavor, when mixed with the w:basic-frame flavor, provides a nonconstraint frame to which code only needs to be added to determine when to expose the panes and what their sizes should be.

w:basic-frame is nearly the same as the w:minimum-window flavor. The w:basic-frame flavor does not contain all of the mixins that are in the w:window flavor. In particular, w:basic-frame does not provide for borders or a label because the frame is a collection of other windows, each of which has its own borders or labels. Furthermore, w:basic-frame cannot be the selected window. A frame cannot be selected for the same reason—one of the panes within the frame must ultimately be selected.

w:recursion

#### Instance Variable of w:basic-frame

Distinguishes between methods sent by the frame's code to its panes, such as :expose, and methods sent by other programs. When an outside program sends an :expose, :deexpose, or :bury message to one of the panes, methods on the frame (such as :inferior-expose) simply expose, deexpose, or bury the frame itself and do not allow the method on the pane to proceed. When the frame's code itself exposes a pane, it does so with w:recursion temporarily set to a non-nil value so that when the :inferior-expose instance variable is invoked, it returns t and lets the pane expose.

#### w:constraint-frame

Flavor

The basic kind of constraint frame. The rest of this section describes its behavior in detail. This flavor, like w:basic-frame, does not provide borders or a label, nor does it allow the frame to be selected.

#### w:bordered-constraint-frame

Flavor

Creates a window exactly like a window created by the w:constraint-frame flavor, except that borders are placed around the outside edges of the outermost panes. By default, the :border-margin-width of the constraint frame is 0, which means that the border of the constraint frame window is adjacent to the borders of the panes. If you set :border-margin-width to a value of 1, a one-pixel gap is left inside the border of the constraint frame.

Bordered constraint frames are used most often. Usually, for appearances, the frame as well as each of the panes has a border. (Panes require borders only as a visual reminder of their sizes and locations.) When two adjacent panes have borders, their adjacent borders appear as a double-width line. If the constraint frame does not have a border, then the outermost frames have outer borders that appear as single-width lines. Placing a border on the constraint frame makes this outer border appear to be the same width as the interior borders separating the frames.

One potential problem with constraint frames arises when you are typing on the keyboard. If you are typing ahead, then you need to ensure that the proper pane is selected so that the input goes to the proper place. If this is not done, then the type-ahead may go to another pane in the constraint frame, which may not know how to deal with the input, or even worse, may perform undesirable actions. A convenient way to solve this problem is to make all of the panes of a constraint frame use the same input buffer.

You can restrict all of the panes of a constraint frame to the same input buffer by using one of the following flavors.

#### w:constraint-frame-with-shared-io-buffer

Flavor

Exactly like the w:constraint-frame flavor, except that all of the panes of the frame share the same input buffer.

#### w:bordered-constraint-frame-with-shared-io-buffer

Flavor

Exactly like the w:bordered-constraint-frame flavor, except that all of the panes of the frame share the same input buffer.

:io-buffer io-buffer

:io-buffer io-buffer

Initialization Option of w:constraint-frame-with-shared-iobuffer Initialization Option of w:bordered-constraint-frame-with-shared-io-buffer

Used to specify an I/O buffer for a window created using the specified flavor. If this initialization option is present, *io-buffer* is used as the input buffer for the frame and its panes. Otherwise, a default input buffer is created.

# Examples of Specifications of Panes and Constraints

15.5 The complete description of how to use constraint frames, including the language used to specify constraints, is quite complex. Examples are given here for the more common cases involving constraint frames. All of these examples are given in their complete form, allowing you to test them on your Explorer system.

## Simple Constraint Frame

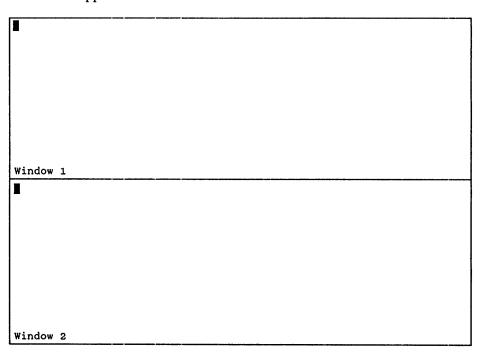
15.5.1 The following code creates a constraint frame with two panes, one in the top half of the available screen, the other in the bottom half; each of the panes takes up half of the frame.

```
(defun simple (&aux simple-window-instance)
 Create a simple constraint frame."
   (setq simple-window-instance
         (make-instance 'w:constraint-frame
                                               ; Define the pane flavors.
                                                                        1
                 ((top-pane w:window)
                   (bottom-pane w:window))
                                               ; Define layout of panes.
                                                                         2
               :constraints
                 ((main . ((top-pane bottom-pane)
                      ((top-pane 0.5))
                                                                         3
                      ((bottom-pane :even))))))
(send simple-window-instance :expose)
```

The simple function creates the constraint frame and exposes it.

- The constraint frame is made up of two panes named top-pane and bottom-pane, which are created from the w:window flavor. This arrangement is specified in the :panes description.
- The :constraints description states that the pane top-pane is placed on top and that the pane bottom-pane is placed on the bottom. This arrangement is specified by the ordering of the pane names in the list (top-pane bottom-pane).
- 3 The remainder of the constraint description states that the pane top-pane uses 50 percent of the window and that the pane bottom-pane uses the remainder—the other 50 percent.

The frame appears as follows:



## Graphics Constraint Frame

15.5.2 This paragraph discusses how to create a constraint frame consisting of three panes: an interaction pane, a graphics pane, and a message pane. The following code creates the constraint frame. The three panes are named interaction-pane, graphics-pane, and message-pane. All three panes are created using the w:window flavor. graphics-pane is created with no label and no blinker. message-pane is created with a label and no blinker. These characteristics are specified in the :panes descriptions.

The constraint description specifies the layout of the panes and their use of the window space. The layout of the panes is interaction-pane, graphics-pane, and message-pane, from top to bottom. message-pane requires 4 lines of vertical space, graphics-pane requires 400 pixels of vertical space, and interaction-pane uses the remainder of the available vertical space.

```
(defun graphics (&aux gr-window-instance)
   (setq gr-window-instance
         (make-instance 'w:bordered-constraint-frame
         :panes
          ((graphics-pane w:window
            :label nil
            :blinker-p nil)
           (message-pane w:window
            :label "Message Pane"
            :blinker-p nil)
           (interaction-pane w:window))
         :constraints
             '((main . ((interaction-pane
                         graphics-pane
                         message-pane)
                       ((message-pane 4 :lines))
                       ((graphics-pane 400))
                       ((interaction-pane :even))))))
   (send gr-window-instance :expose)
```

The graphics function creates and exposes a frame similar to the following:

	İ
Window 1	
Window I	
Message Pane	
mossago rano	

#### Multiple-Configuration Constraint Frame

15.5.3 The following example, which is more complex than the previous examples, shows how to create a constraint frame that contains multiple configurations. The first configuration has three small windows arranged horizontally across the top of the constraint frame and one large window beneath them. In the second configuration, the same large window is located at the top, and the bottom part of the constraint frame is split between another window and a menu window. The following code creates the constraint frame and allows the user to type input to the main-pane.

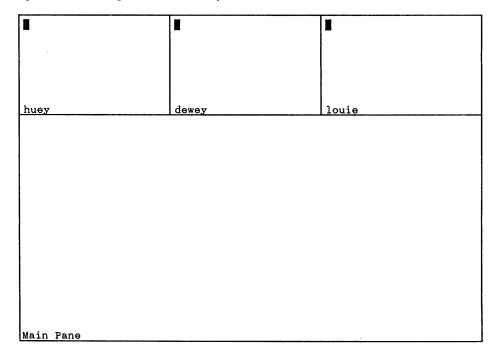
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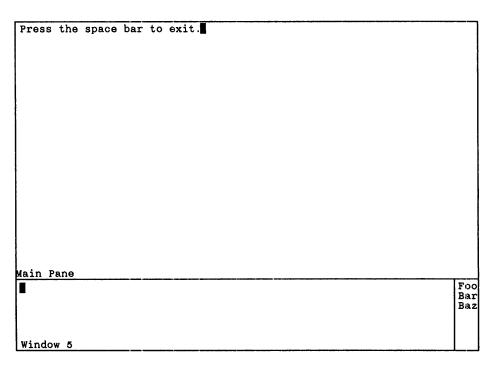
```
(defun multi-config (&aux
                                       ; Single input character
                          my-io-buffer
                                             : An I/O buffer
                          main-pane-window
                                               Window for main-pane pane
                          menu-window
                                               Window for menu pane
                          old-window)
                                              ; Previously selected window
   ; Create the constraint frame if it does not already exist.
   (unless (boundp 'window-instance)
      (setq window-instance (make-instance 'w:bordered-constraint-frame
                                    :save-bits t
                                    :panes
                                      ((huey w:window:label "huey")
                                       (dewey w:window :label "dewey")
                                       (louie w:window : label "louie")
                                       (main-pane w:window :label "Main Pane")
                                       (random-pane w:window)
                                       (menu w:command-menu
                                               :item-list ("Foo" "Bar" "Baz")))
                                    :constraints
                                      ((first-config . ((top-strip main-pane)
                                                                          ; 0.3 of frame height
                                                           ((top-strip :horizontal (.3)
                                                             (huey dewey louie)
                                                             ((huey :even)
                                                              (dewey :even)
                                                              (louie :even))))
                                                                          ; Remainder of height
                                                           ((main-pane :even))))
                                       (second-config . ((main-pane bottom-strip)
                                                                          ; 0.2 of frame height
                                                             ((bottom-strip :horizontal (.2)
                                                               (random-pane menu)
                                                             ((menu :ask :pane-size))
                                                             ((random-pane :even))))
                                                                         ; Remainder of height
                                                           ((main-pane :even))))))
   ; Store the window this function was called from so the function can return to it.
   (setq old-window w:selected-window)
   ; Set up the constraint frame for the first configuration, expose the first configuration, display it for 5 seconds,
   ; and then expose the second configuration.
   (send window-instance :set-configuration 'first-config)
   (send window-instance :expose)
   (process-sleep (* 60 5))
   ; Get the window for the menu pane so we can set up its I/O buffer.
   ; This I/O buffer will tie the menu pane to the main-pane pane.
   (setq menu-window (send window-instance :get-pane 'menu))
   (setq my-io-buffer (w:make-io-buffer 50.))
   (send menu-window :set-io-buffer my-io-buffer)
   ; Get the window for the main-pane and tie the I/O buffer to it.
   (setq main-pane-window (send window-instance :get-pane 'main-pane))
   (send main-pane-window : set-io-buffer my-io-buffer)
   ; Set up the constraint frame for the one that contains the menu.
   (send window-instance :set-configuration 'second-config)
   ; Make the main-pane the one that is tied to the keyboard.
   (send main-pane-window :select)
   ; Display this window until the user presses the space bar, then return to the original window.
   (send main-pane-window :string-out "Press the space bar to exit.")
   (loop until (equal (setq char (read-char main-pane-window)) #\SPACE)
      do (send main-pane-window 'string-out (format nil "-%Input=-A" char)))
   (send old-window :select)
)
```

The three small panes in the first configuration are named dewey, huey, and louie (named after the three drones in the movie *Silent Running*); the other pane in this configuration is named main-pane. In the second configuration, the top pane is named main-pane, and the other two panes at the bottom are named random-pane and menu-pane. All of these panes, except the menu-pane, are created using the w:window flavor. The menu-pane is created using the w:command-menu flavor.

The constraint description specifies the two configurations and the layouts of the panes within them. The first configuration, named first-config, specifies that the ordering of the panes is top-strip at the top and main-pane at the bottom. The name top-strip represents another embedded configuration. For a top-level configuration, the screen layout is arranged top-down (in other words, vertically) by default. In the top-strip the panes are laid out in a horizontal fashion, using up 30 percent of the vertical space. Within top-strip, the ordering of the panes is huey, dewey, and louie, from left to right. Each of these three panes takes up the same amount of space, as specified by the keyword :even. The other pane in this configuration, main-pane, takes up the space not used by the top-strip (100% - 30% = 70%).

The second configuration, named second-config, specifies that the ordering of the panes is main-pane at the top and bottom-strip at the bottom. The pane main-pane is the same as in the configuration first-config. The bottom-strip is another name for an embedded configuration. This embedded configuration has its panes laid out horizontally and takes up 20 percent of the vertical space on the window. Thus, main-pane is a different size in each configuration. The ordering of the horizontal windows is random-pane and menu-pane, from left to right. The horizontal space needed by the menu-pane is determined by computing the space needed by the menu-pane uses up the remainder of the horizontal space for this configuration. The other pane in the second-config configuration, main-pane, uses up the vertical space not used by bottom-strip.





Towards the middle of the multi-config function, the :expose method is invoked for window-instance. This function exposes the first-config configuration. After this configuration is visible for five seconds, the :set-configuration method is invoked for window-instance. This method changes the current configuration from first-config to second-config. After this change is made, the :select method is invoked for main-pane-window to show the second configuration.

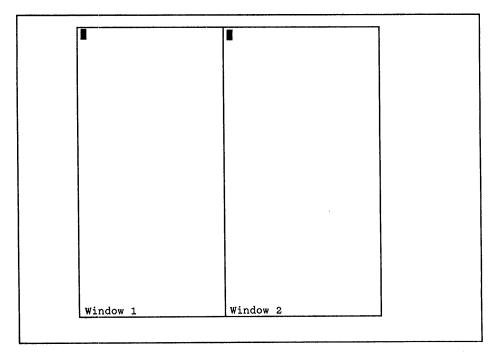
Note that the pane menu-pane in the multi-config function is a list and not a form to be evaluated. If the list were a value stored in a variable, then it would have been necessary to write the :panes option using the backquote feature. For example, if the variable name were the-list-of-items, then the following code shows how the :panes option would look.

Note the backquote in front of the huey pane and the comma in front of the variable name the-list-of-items. The backquote causes the comma to be handled in a special way. For this case, the comma causes the value of the variable the-list-of-items to be inserted at that place in the :panes option. (For more details on backquoting, refer to the Explorer Lisp Reference manual.)

#### Horizontal Constraint Frame

15.5.4 The following code produces a constraint frame that consists of two panes: a left pane and a right pane. In this example, the :edges initialization option is specified—in pixel coordinates—before the :panes initialization option. These edges are 100 for the left, 100 for the top, 600 for the right, and 600 for the bottom. That is, the upper left corner of the constraint frame is at the pixel coordinate (100,100), with the width and height being 500 pixels. Note that options other than :edges could have been specified. These initialization options must be those allowed by the w:minimum-window flavor. Recall that frames are built from the w:minimum-window flavor, not from the w:window flavor.

The panes for the constraint frame are named left-pane and right-pane. Both panes are created using the w:window flavor. The constraint description specifies the layout of the panes and their use of the window space. The layout of the panes is defined in the embedded configuration named whole-thing. This embedded configuration is to be laid out horizontally with the left-pane on the left and right-pane on the right. Both of these panes take up an equal amount of horizontal space.



## Specifying Panes and Constraints

15.6 The following pages explain how to specify the panes of a constraint frame.

NOTE: Most of the code described in the following pages can be generated automatically by using the constraint frame editor (WINIFRED). The description that follows explains the details of the code generated by WINIFRED. Most users can skip to paragraph 15.7, Constraint Frame Keys.

When a constraint frame is created, you must specify two initialization options—:panes and :constraints. The :panes option specifies which panes are to be in the constraint frame. The :constraints option specifies the set of constraints for each of the configurations that the window can assume. To allow windows within the constraint frame to be referenced, you give them internal names. These names are used as arguments to constraint frame methods such as the :set-configuration method, which was used in the example in paragraph 15.5.3, Multiple-Configuration Constraint Frames.

Both of the following initialization options work by initializing instance variables that are then examined by the :init methods of constraint frames. Instead of using the initialization options, you can set the instance variables directly in a :before :init method.

#### :panes pane-descriptions

Initialization Option of all constraint frame flavors

Required for all flavors of constraint frames. pane-descriptions is a list of pane descriptions. Every pane description has the following form:

(pane-name flavor . options)

#### where:

pane-name is the internal name (a symbol) of a pane.

flavor is the flavor of which the pane is an instance.

options is a list that is appended to the initialization property list for the pane when it is created. (See paragraph 15.5.2, Graphics Constraint Frame, for an example of these options.)

When the frame is first created, all of its panes are created using the *flavor* and *options* specified. The frame adds some of its own options to control the position and shape of the window. You need not specify any of these controlling factors in the *options* list because these factors are automatically provided.

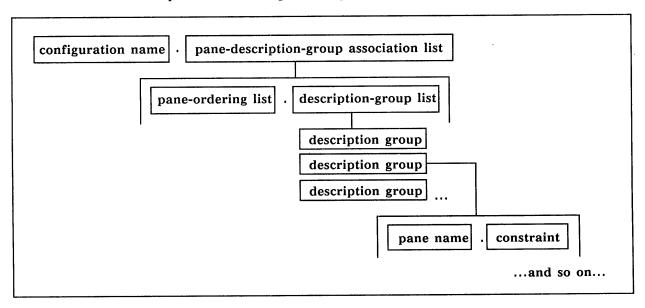
#### :constraints configuration-description-list

Initialization Option of all constraint frame flavors

Required for all flavors of constraint frames. *configuration-description-list* is a list of configuration descriptions. The format of the configuration descriptions is complex and is explained in the following paragraphs.

# Configuration

15.6.1 A configuration specifies how panes are arranged within a window. A configuration description (such as that shown in the code in paragraph 15.5.3) is a hierarchical list of descriptions and constraints. The following figure shows the entire diagram at once. In the discussions that follow, the portion of the diagram being discussed is surrounded by dark borders.



In the following code, there are two configuration-name, pane-description-group association list pairs. These are ((first-config. (top-strip main-pane)...) and ((second-config. (main-pane bottom-strip)...). The configuration names are first-config and second-config. Because the first configuration is more complicated, it is the only one discussed. Likewise, the first description group within the first description-group list is the more complicated, so it is discussed but the second is not.

The following pages describe the structure of a constraint frame. Each description includes three parts: the name of the step, a brief description of the step, and a detailed discussion of what the step is. In some cases the detailed description is omitted because it would be redundant.

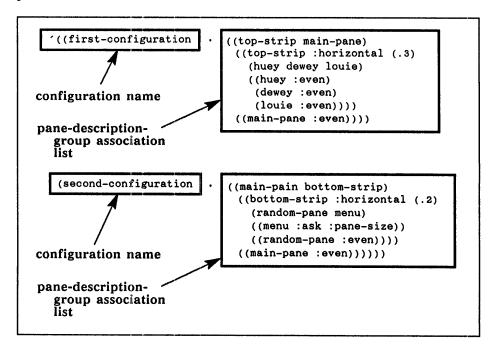
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# Configuration Description

# 15.6.1.1

Brief Description At the highest level of the hierarchy is the *configuration* description, which contains a configuration-name associated with a pane-description-group association list. The frame has a configuration description for each configuration the frame can assume.

**Detailed Description** A configuration description associates a *configuration-name* with a specific configuration. This association allows you to define several configurations and display the appropriate configuration of panes when that configuration best displays the information contained in the panes.

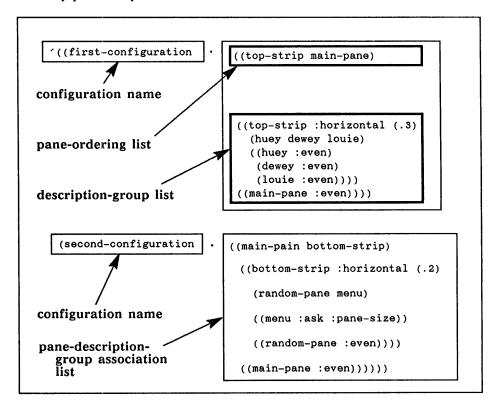


Pane-Description-Group Association List

#### 15.6.1.2

Brief Description The pane-description-group association list contains the pane-ordering list associated with a description-group list.

Detailed Description The pane-ordering list names the panes contained in the first-configuration frame. top-strip and main-pane are names for the panes. The order of the pane names within the pane-ordering list determines the ordering of the panes as they appear in the window: left to right if the panes are stacked horizontally, or top to bottom if the panes are stacked vertically. The first pane in the list appears at the left or top of the configuration, and the last pane in the list appears at the right or bottom. You can have as many panes as you can fit into the window.



# Description-Group List 15.6.1.3

Brief Description The description-group list contains a description-group for each of the panes named in the pane-ordering list within the pane-description-group association list.

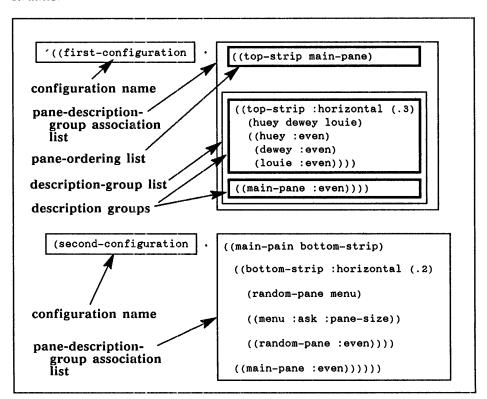
Detailed Description The description-group list in this example contains two pane names associated with two constraints. Your description-group list can contain more or fewer panes, depending on your requirement. The top-strip pane is associated with a complex constraint, while the main-pane is associated with the keyword : even.

The ordering of the panes within the description-group list determines which panes are allocated space in the window first, and need not be the same as the ordering of the panes within the pane-ordering list. The first pane named in the description-group list is allocated window space first, and the last pane in the description-group list is allocated window space last.

# Description-Group

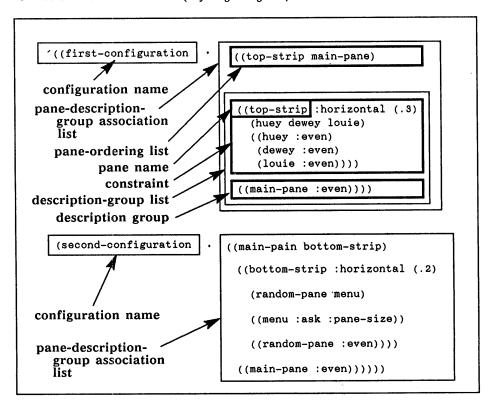
# 15.6.1.4

Brief Description The description-group contains a pane-name and a constraints.



#### Constraint 15.6.1.5

Brief Description The constraint for top-strip contains a key that specifies how this pane is filled followed by any arguments that are needed. The format of the constraint is (key arg1 arg2...).



Detailed Description The key can be either a fixnum, flonum, or a specific keyword. The arguments depend on what key is used. Paragraph 15.7, Constraint Frame Keys, discusses the keys that can be used and what argument(s), if any, apply to each key.

Specifically, in the example code:

- The :horizontal keyword specifies that the subpanes are to be stacked one beside the other—that is, horizontally—within the top-strip pane.
- The (.3) is a constraint that specifies that top-strip is allocated 30 percent of the window top-strip appears in.
- The lower-level pane-description-group association list is an argument of the :horizontal keyword.

At this point you have defined the constraints of the pane. However, in this example, top-strip is not a pane because the code as shown in paragraph 15.5.3 does not include top-strip as part of the :panes description. Here, top-strip is a name used to manipulate several panes as a group; top-strip, then, contains another pane-description-group association list. The following discussions apply only to the example code in paragraph 15.5.3. The general descriptions given previously for each component still apply.

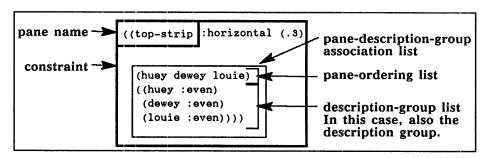
# Pane-Description-Group Association List

#### 15.6.1.6

Brief Description The pane-description-group association list contains another pane-ordering list and another description-group list.

Detailed Description The difference between this pane-description-group association list and the previous one is that the pane-ordering list contains the names of three actual panes: huey, dewey, and louie.

If you wanted to, you could name groups of panes—or a mixture of panes and groups of panes—at this point. Each additional group adds another level to the complexity of the configuration.



# Description-Group List

### 15.6.1.7

Brief Description The description-group list is a list of description groups.

#### Description-Group

# 15.6.1.8

Brief Description The description-group contains the names of three panes associated with the keyword : even.

**Detailed Description** The panes are huey, dewey, and louie and each is associated with the :even keyword; :even specifies that each pane gets an even portion of top-strip.

# Constraint Frame Keys

15.7 Constraint frame keys are used to determine the size and sometimes the position of panes within a constraint frame. For example, the :even keyword used in the preceding examples was used to specify that each of the three panes was the same size.

# Arguments Used With w:basic-frame

15.7.1 You can specify a fixed number, a floating-point number, or the :even and :ask keywords in a constraint for a pane.

fixnum

15.7.1.1 A fixnum argument lets you specify the absolute size of the pane in pixels. An argument can be optional; it can be the symbol: lines or the symbol: characters, meaning that the fixnum is in units of lines or characters. The fixnum is multiplied by the value of the w:line-height or w:char-width instance variable of the window to compute the actual size of the pane. If a second argument is given, it must be the name of a pane. In this case, it is that pane's w:line-height or w:char-width instance variable that is multiplied by the fixnum to compute the actual size of the pane. Note that embedded configurations do not have a w:line-height or char-width instance variable; thus, for this case, if the first argument is present, then the second must be present, too. Embedded configurations are described in paragraph of the same name, 15.8.

flonum

15.7.1.2 A flownum argument lets you specify that a certain fraction of the remaining space should be taken up by this window. An argument may be optionally given: :lines or :characters. When a flonum is present, the pane's size is rounded down to the nearest multiple of the pane's w: line-height or w:char-width instance variable. If a second argument is given, it must be the name of a pane. In this case, it is that pane's w:line-height or w:char-width instance variable that is used to perform the rounding calculation. Note that embedded configurations do not have a w:line-height or w:char-width instance variable; thus, for this case, if the first argument is present, then the second must be present, too.

The distinction between descriptors in the same group and descriptors in different groups is important when you use the flonum constraint. If there is one description group with two descriptions, each of which requests 20 percent of the remaining space, then both panes receive the same amount of space. However, if there are the same two descriptions but they are in successive description groups, then the first pane receives 20 percent of the remaining space, and the second pane receives 20 percent of what remains after the first pane is allocated. Thus, the amount of space remaining is recomputed at the end of each description group, but not at the end of each description.

:even

15.7.1.3 The :even keyword divides all of the remaining space among all of the panes in this description group. Because all of the remaining space is allocated, this description group must be the last one in a configuration. Furthermore, if there are any other descriptions in this description group, they also must specify the :even constraint.

Typically, you should use :even for at least one pane in every configuration so that the entire frame will be filled, and the panes are adjusted to fit together and use up all of the available space.

Remember that even though the :even constraint must be in the last description group of a configuration, these panes must also be at the bottom or the right side of the frame. The ordering of the panes is determined by the *ordering* list, which is specified before the first description group of a configuration, not by the order in which the descriptions are listed.

:ask 15.7.1.4 The :ask keyword lets the window determine its size. The format of a constraint that uses :ask follows:

(:ask method argl arg2 ...)

The *method* is invoked with the specified arguments. The result returned by the method is the height required if the stacking is vertical or the width required if the stacking is horizontal. Note that the arguments are the actual values of the arguments, and that they are not forms to be evaluated. If you want evaluated forms passed to the method, you must use something like the backquote feature to control the evaluation.

The arguments passed to the method are a combination that describes the pane and that can be specified by the user. The first five arguments describe the pane, and the remaining arguments are those provided by the user. The first five arguments are as follows:

- remaining-width The amount of width remaining to be used at the time this description is elaborated (that is, after all of the panes in previous description groups and all earlier panes in this description group have been allocated).
- remaining-height The amount of height remaining to be used at the time this description is elaborated (that is, after all of the panes in previous description groups and all earlier panes in this description group have been allocated).
- total-width The amount of width remaining to be used by all of the sections of this description group (that is, the amount of room left after all panes in previous description groups have been allocated but none of the panes in this description group have been allocated).
- total-height The amount of height remaining to be used by all of the sections of this description group (that is, the amount of room left after all panes in previous description groups have been allocated but none of the panes in this description group have been allocated).
- stacking Either :vertical or :horizontal, depending on the current stacking.

The :limit Clause

15.7.2 Any constraint can be optionally preceded by a :limit clause. The format of the :limit clause looks like the following:

(:limit limit-specification key arg1 arg2 ...)

The :limit clause allows you to specify a minimum value and a maximum value that is applied to the size computed for the pane. If the computed size is smaller than the minimum, then the minimum value is used; if the

computed size is larger than the maximum, then the maximum value is used. The format of the *limit-specification* is one of the following:

# Format of Clause

### Description

(minimum maximum)

The minimum and maximum values represent pixel limits.

(minimum maximum :lines)
(minimum maximum :characters)

The minimum and maximum values represent the number of lines or characters, respectively.

The line and character height are from the pane being constrained.

(minimum maximum :lines pane-name)

(minimum maximum :characters pane-name)

The minimum and maximum values represent the number of lines or characters, respectively, using the line or character height, respectively, from another pane.

The line and character height are from another pane. The latter case is useful when the pane being constrained does not have a line height or character width, as is the case with embedded configurations. Embedded configurations are described in the paragraph of the same name, 15.8.

The other values in the :limit clause, key, arg1, arg2, ..., are the same as specified in a constraint. Recall that the :limit clause precedes the constraint.

# :pane-size and Similar Methods

15.7.3 Different flavors of windows accept certain messages suitable for use with the :ask keyword. By convention, several kinds of windows, such as menus, define a method named :pane-size. For example, the :pane-size method for menus computes the amount of space needed to display all of the items of the menu, given the amount of space available. No additional arguments need be specified. Other useful methods, which are defined for all windows, are :square-pane-size and :square-pane-inside-size. The :square-pane-size method makes the pane take up enough room to form a square. The borders are included in the calculation. The :square-pane-inside-size method is similar except that the square is inside of the borders.

The keywords used by the :square-pane-inside-size method are :ask-window, :funcall, and :eval:

■ The :ask-window keyword is a variation of :ask. The format follows:

(:ask-window pane-name message-name arg1 arg2 ...)

The :ask-window keyword works like the :ask keyword except that the method is sent to the pane named pane-name instead of the pane being described. This keyword is primarily for embedded configurations when the screen space requirements of a pane within the embedded configuration are to control the size of the embedded configuration.

■ The :funcall keyword allows you to supply a function to be invoked that computes the amount of space needed. The format is as follows:

```
(:funcall function arg1 arg2 ...)
```

#### where:

function is the function invoked with the first six arguments as described below.

arg1, arg2 ... are the remaining arguments—if any—and are supplied by the user. The first argument is constraint-node, an internal data structure that the user can examine. The next five arguments are the same as the five arguments to the :ask keyword, described previously.

■ The :eval keyword is like the :funcall keyword but provides a form instead of a function and arguments. The format is as follows:

```
(:eval form)
```

The six special values that are passed as arguments when the :funcall constraint type is used can be accessed by the form as the values of the following special variables:

```
w:**constraint-node**
w:**constraint-remaining-width**
w:**constraint-remaining-height**
w:**constraint-total-width**
w:**constraint-total-height**
w:**constraint-stacking**
```

# Embedded Configurations

15.8 Embedded configurations are useful when you want either a more complex pane layout or something other than a pane to appear in the constraint frame. For example, the font editor window uses an embedded configuration. The difference between a pane and an embedded configuration is in the constraint description. The format of a constraint for an embedded configuration is as follows:

(embedded-configuration-name key arg1 arg2 ...)

# where:

embedded-configuration-name is the name of the embedded configuration.

The keys for this embedded configuration are described below, and the arguments supplied depend upon which key is selected:

■ The :blank keyword fills this section with some constant pattern. The format of the description follows:

(embedded-configuration-name:blank pattern . constraint)

The constraint is used to compute the size of the section, as is done for ordinary panes. The pattern can be any of the following:

- The :white pattern fills the section with all 0s.
- The :black pattern fills the section with all 1s.
- An array fills the section with the contents of the array. This pattern is replicated across the section. The **bitblt** function is used to perform this replication.
- A symbol that is the name of a function that accepts six arguments. The function is invoked to actually perform the filling of the section. The following values are passed as arguments to the function:

Value	Description	
constraint-node	An internal data structure being passed	
x-position	The pixel coordinate of the left side of the embedded configuration	
y-position	The pixel coordinate of the top of the embedded configuration	
width	The width in pixels of the embedded configuration	
height	The height in pixels of the embedded configuration	
screen-array	The two-dimensional array into which the function should write the pattern for the embedded configuration	

- A list that is similar to a symbol (as previously discussed) but that allows you to pass additional arguments. The first element of the list is the name of the function to be called. The remaining elements of the list are the additional arguments. When the function is invoked, the arguments that are passed to it are the six listed for the symbol; any additional arguments in the list follow those six arguments.
- The :horizontal or :vertical keyword provides a description of an embedded configuration that is used to subdivide the section into more panes and embedded configurations. If you specify :vertical, the section is split up with vertical stacking. If you specify :horizontal, the section is split up with horizontal stacking. The format of this description is:

(embedded-configuration-name:horizontal constraint . configuration-description)

or:

(embedded-configuration-name :vertical constraint . configuration-description)

# where:

constraint is an ordinary constraint as was described previously.

configuration-description is a configuration description as was described previously. This configuration description specifies how this section is subdivided into its own components.

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# Constraint Frame Methods

15.9 The following methods are useful when constraint frames are used.

:pane-size remaining-width remaining-height total-width total-height stacking

Method of windows

 $: square-pane-size \ \textit{remaining-width} \ \textit{remaining-height}$ 

Method of windows

total-width total-height stacking

Method of windows

:square-pane-inside-size remaining-width remaining-height total-width total-height stacking

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Invoked when a constraint uses the :ask keyword with one of these methods specified. The :pane-size method returns the size in pixels that the pane requires, for either the vertical or horizontal stacking direction. The :square-pane-size method returns the outside size required to make the pane the largest square possible; the :square-pane-inside-size method returns the inside size required to make the pane the largest square possible.

# :get-pane pane-name

# Method of w:basic-constraint-frame

Takes a pane name as an argument and returns the pane itself, which is a window. Recall that pane names are symbols that are used to refer to panes. They are not actually the panes themselves. If you perform something requiring a pane window, then :get-pane retrieves the pane window. For example:

(setq temp-window (send self :get-pane 'foo-window))

### :pane-name pane

### Method of w:basic-constraint-frame

Takes a pane window as an argument and returns the pane name to which it corresponds. This is the inverse of the :get-pane method. For example:

(setq temp-pane (send self :pane-name 'foo-window))

# :create-pane name flavor &rest options

# Method of w:basic-constraint-frame

Creates and returns a window that serves as a pane of this frame. The :create-pane method creates this frame's panes using the panes's constraints as arguments. name is the name of the pane to be used. The pane is of the specified flavor with the initialization options set by the options arguments.

:send-pane pane-name method &rest arguments

Method of w:basic-constraint-frame

Sends method to pane-name, which must be in the :panes specification of this frame.

:send-all-exposed-panes method &rest arguments

Method of

:send-all-panes method &rest arguments

w: basic-constraint-frame Method of w: basic-constraint-frame

Sends method to all the exposed panes of this frame (for :send-all-exposed-panes) or to all the panes of this frame, including the nonexposed panes (for

:send-all-panes).

:configuration configuration-name

Initialization Option of w:basic-constraint-frame

Gettable, settable

Configures the frame to the parameters specified by configuration-name.

Returns the internal—parsed—data structure describing the specified configuration of configuration-name. configuration-name describes which windows are included and the constraints for the windows.

:redefine-configuration config-name new-config Method of w:basic-constraint-frame & optional (parsed-p t)

Redefines the configuration from that given by *config-name* to the configuration specified by *new-config*. If *parsed-p* is t, *new-config* must be in parsed form, such as the value returned by the :get-configuration method. If *parsed-p* is nil, *new-config* is treated as a configuration-description such as that used when initially specifying the frame's constraints.

# Pane-Frame Interaction

- 15.10 Several fundamental window methods actually ask the window's superior what to do. This inquiry has no effect for a top-level window but becomes important when the window's superior is a frame. The superior can decide whether the methods should actually proceed as requested. The following discuss how the :expose, :deexpose, :bury, :select, and :set-edges methods are handled.
- The :expose, :deexpose, :bury, and :select methods first send a method to the superior using the :inferior-expose, :inferior-deexpose, :inferior-bury, or :inferior-select method. The pane itself is the argument for the method used.
  - If the method sent to the superior returns non-nil, the method is performed on the pane as usual. Otherwise, it is skipped.
- The :set-edges method in conjunction with :inferior-set-edges sets the edges of the pane. An :inferior-set-edges method is sent to the superior; :inferior-set-edges arguments consist of the pane followed by the arguments of the :set-edges method. If the first value returned by :inferior-set-edges is non-nil, the pane's edges are changed as requested. Otherwise, the pane's edges are not changed, and the remaining values from :inferior-set-edges are returned from :set-edges.

Of course, the frame can change the pane's edges in another way and then return nil.

The w:basic-frame flavor defines only the :inferior-select method to do anything nontrivial; :inferior-select makes the pane the frame's selection substitute and then sends a :select message to the frame. The other methods merely return non-nil. Thus, there is minimal interaction between the frame and its inferiors.

The w:frame-forwarding-mixin flavor defines the :inferior-expose, :inferior-deexpose, and :inferior-bury methods to ensure that the frame and its panes are all exposed or deexposed together.

# w:frame-forwarding-mixin

Flavor

Defines the :inferior-expose, :inferior-deexpose, and :inferior-bury methods for a frame that normally causes the :expose, :deexpose, or :bury methods on panes to expose, deexpose, or bury the frame rather than the pane.

An :inferior-set-edges method is also defined for internal reasons only. Its purpose is to avoid a user-visible change in behavior rather than to provide such a change.

The w:frame-forwarding-mixin flavor is a mixin of the w:constraint-frame flavor and the other standard instantiable flavors of a constraint frame.

### :pane-types-alist

Method of frames

Returns a menu item list used for handling the Create item in the screen editor when editing the panes of this frame. The value of the menu item should be a window flavor to be created or a list to be evaluated in order to return a flavor.

The menu item's value, or the result of evaluating it, can also be t, which directs the screen editor to read a flavor name from the user.

#### The Selected Pane

15.10.1 A frame is normally operated with one of its inferiors as a selection substitute. The selection substitute of a frame is also called the *selected pane*; this feature was formerly available only in frames. Unless you mix w:selectmixin into your frame flavor, the frame itself cannot be the selected window. Therefore, it is important to provide a selection substitute when creating the frame.

You can provide a selection substitute by sending a :set-selection-substitute message in an :after :init method, as shown in the following example:

Explicitly selecting a pane with the :select method actually sets the frame's selection substitute by means of the forwarding mechanism shown in the previous example.

In a constraint frame, or any other frame that uses w:frame-forwarding-mixin, you should not attempt to select a pane that is not already exposed, because of the effects of forwarding on the :expose method.

### :selected-pane pane-name

Initialization Option of w:basic-constraint-frame

Initializes the selection substitute for the constraint frame. pane-name specifies the pane to be selected

#### w:interaction-pane

Flavor

Used to create a pane for reading and echoing multicharacter commands in systems using frames. The pane using w:interaction-pane should be the selected pane.



# TEXT SCROLL WINDOWS

# **Using Text** Scroll Windows

16.1 Text scroll windows provide a means to display a number of lines that are of the same type with scrolling. For example, the Inspector uses text scroll windows to display the components of a structure.

```
#KINSPECTOR-INTERACTION-PANE inspector interaction Pane 5 4105057 exposed>
An object of flavor TV::INSPECTOR-INTERACTION-PANE. Function is #KEQ-HASH-TABLE (Funcallable) 34221037>
  TV:SCREEN-ARRAY:
TV:LOCATIONS-PER-LINE:
TV:OLD-SCREEN-ARRAY:
TV:BIT-ARRAY:
                                                                   #<ART-1B-55-1024 15241330>
                                                                  #KHN. --
92
NIL
#KART-1B-741-1024 7447750>
                                                                   #<ART-18-741-1024 /447/36/
"Inspector Interaction Pane 5"
  TV: NAME:
 #<FONT CPTFONT 71301633>
Named structure of type FONT
   TV:FONT-FILL-POINTER:
                                                       256
FONTS::CPTFONT
 TV:FONT-NAME:
TV:FONT-CHAR-HEIGHT:
TV:FONT-CHAR-WIDTH:
TV:FONT-RASTER-HEIGHT:
  #<STANDARD-SCREEN Main Screen 40100143 exposed>
An object of flavor TV::STANDARD-SCREEN. Function is #<EQ-HASH-TABLE (Funcallable) 11761072>
 TV:SCREEN-RRRAY:
TV:LOCATIONS-PER-LINE:
TV:BIT-RRRAY:
TV:BIT-RRRAY:
TV:NAME:
TV:LOCK-COUNT:
TV:LOCK-COUNT:
TV:LOCK-COUNT:
TV:LYEERIOR:
TV:LYEERIOR:
TV:LYEERIOR:
                                                                   #<ART-18-754-1024 71301442>
                                                                   #<ART-18-754-1024 71301442>
                                                                  MIL
"Main Screen"
NIL
                                                                   #<!NSPECT-FRAME Inspect Frame 3 4104142 exposed> #<ZMACS-FRAME Zmacs Frame 1 4100172 deexpo
  TV:INFERIORS:
TV:EXPOSED-P:
TV:EXPOSED-INFERIORS:
TV:A-OFFSET:
TV:A-OFFSET:
TV:HIDTH:
TV:HEIGHT:
TV:CURSOR-X:
TV:CURSOR-Y:
TV:MORE-VPOS:
TV:TOP-MARGIN-SIZE:
TV:BOTTOM-MARGIN-SIZE:
TV:LEFT-MARGIN-SIZE:
TV:FLOST
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(#<INSPECT-FRAME Inspect Frame 3 4104142 exposed★)
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740
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32768
  TV:FLAGS:
TV:BASELINE:
TV:FONT-MAP:
                                                                   #<ART-Q-26 -65544460>
#<FONT CPTFONT 71301633>
  TV:FUNT-MHP:
TV:CURRENT-FONT:
TV:BASELINE-ABJ:
TV:LINE-HEIGHT:
                                                                   ĭз
                                                                     #<!NSPECTOR-INTERACTION-PANE Inspector Interaction Pane 5 4105057 exposed>
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  lauins DOC EXIT DE
Set= Refresh Modify De
Mode Print Edit
Inspect: tv:selected-uindou
Inspect: fonts:cptfont
Inspect: tv:main-screen
                                                                    #<FONT CPTFONT 71301633>
#<STANDARD-SCREEN Main Screen 40100143 exposed>
 Inspect:
Inspect Frame 8

M2: Lock/Unlock inspector pane, R: System Menu.
03/18/87 08:45:04AM RALPH
                                                              USER:
                                                                                                                         + Romeo: HEBB; SYMBOLS.LISP#1 @
```

Keyboard

A text scroll window updates its display based on a sequence of items. Each item generates one line of display. An item can be any Lisp object. How the :print-item method is defined controls how the object is displayed. For example, defining :print-item to use the :string-out method requires the items to be strings. By default, :print-item uses the function prin1, so each item is a Lisp object to be printed.

If you want to create text scroll windows of your own, you can use the w:textscroll-window flavor.

#### w:text-scroll-window

Flavor

The base flavor for all text scroll windows. It is not instantiable by itself, so you must use it as a mixin with other flavors.

### :print-item item line-no index

Method of w:text-scroll-window

The primitive used by all other text scroll window methods to perform output of items. As defined by w:text-scroll-window, :print-item invokes prin1 on item, ignoring the other arguments. Other flavors built on w:text-scroll-window are expected to redefine this method. In any case, no item can print out as more than one line. This restriction is enforced by truncating output at the margin.

# Arguments:

item — The item to be displayed.

line-no — The line number on the window on which the item is displayed.

index — The array index of the item to be displayed. The array is the

w:items instance variable.

# Specifying the Item List

16.2 When specifying an item list, you usually specify an array of items to be displayed or a list of items (which is converted into an array). Items are sometimes referenced by their indexes in the array. A more sophisticated technique is to specify an *item generator*, which is a function that enables you to handle an arbitrarily large number of items without requiring you to actually create them initially. Item generators are described in paragraph 16.4.

### :items array

#### Method of w:text-scroll-window

Returns the array whose elements are the items to be scrolled through. w:item contains the entire set of items to be scrolled through, not just those that are on the screen at any time.

# :set-items new-items &optional (no-display nil)

Method of w:text-scroll-window

Sets a new array of items. The item generator of the window is set to nil, turning off that feature so that the array of items is actually used. The *new-items* argument can be a suitable array (it should have a fill pointer), a list of items (an array is made from it), or a number of items (the array is made the specified number of items long, but is initially empty).

If no-display is t, the items are updated but not redisplayed. The default is nil, which causes the items to be redisplayed.

# :top-item

Method of w:text-scroll-window

Settable. Default: 0, the first item in the list

Returns the index of the first item currently being displayed on the first line of the window. The w:top-item instance variable, which the :top-item method returns, is used to remember the current scroll position. Methods such as :scroll-redisplay and :scroll-to set this instance variable.

### :number-of-items

# Method of w:text-scroll-window

Returns the number of items this window is currently scrolling through; this is the number of items in the w:items instance variable.

#### :number-of-item item

### Method of w:text-scroll-window

Searches the w:items instance variable for an element that is the same as the *item* argument and returns the item number (index) of the item where the match is found.

# :item-of-number index

Method of w:text-scroll-window

Returns the item identified by the *index* argument located in the w:items instance variable.

#### :last-item

Method of w:text-scroll-window

Returns the value of the last item to be scrolled through (that is, the one whose index is one less than the number of items).

# :put-item-in-window item

Method of w:text-scroll-window

Scrolls the window so that the item specified by the *item* argument appears in the window.

# :put-last-item-in-window

Method of w:text-scroll-window

Scrolls the window so that the last item in the list appears in the window.

#### :delete-item index

Method of w:text-scroll-window

Modifies the list of displayable items, which is the w:items instance variable, removes the item located at the position specified by *index*, and updates the window if that index is within the portion currently displayed.

#### :insert-item index item

Method of w:text-scroll-window

Adds a new item to the list of items to be displayed. The new item is added before the item currently in the position identified by *index*.

### :append-item item

Method of w:text-scroll-window

Appends item to the end of the list to be displayed.

The following auxiliary methods are also defined.

# :redisplay start end

Method of w:text-scroll-window

Causes a :print-item message to be sent for each line in the range identified by the *start* and *end* arguments, which are screen line indexes. This is an internal function.

The :redisplay method should not be redefined, but :before and :after methods can be placed on :redisplay when it is important to know when changes have been made in the screen layout.

# :scroll-redisplay new-top delta

Method of w:text-scroll-window

Causes partial redisplay using the **bitblt** function and then uses the :redisplay method to redisplay the rest. new-top is the new value for the w:top-item instance variable. delta is the number of lines actually to be scrolled. This is an internal function. This method should not be redefined, but :before and :after methods can be placed on it.

The :scroll-position, :scroll-to, and :new-scroll-position methods are defined for text scroll windows. They are also required for other kinds of scrolling windows, such as windows that implement scroll bars.

# :scroll-position

Method of scrolling windows

Returns the following four values:

- top-line-num The line number of the line currently at the top of the window
- 2. total-lines The total number of lines available to scroll through
- 3. line-height The height (in pixels) of a line
- 4. n-items The number of lines that the window has room for

# :scroll-to to type

Method of scrolling windows

Scrolls a specified number of lines. to specifies the number of lines to scroll forward or backward. Because to is not guaranteed to be legal, both types of scrolling must check their arguments for errors. type is one of the following values:

- **absolute** places the line numbered to at the top of the window.
- :relative adjusts the line displayed at the top of the window by the number of lines specified in the *to* argument. If *to* is positive, text moves upward on the screen.

# :new-scroll-position

Method of scrolling windows

Used by the program managing the window to tell the scrolling facilities that the contents of the window have changed under program control. :new-scroll-position should be invoked whenever either the total number of lines to scroll through or the line number at the top of the window is changed by anything except the scrolling facilities.

Scrolling facilities put :before or :after methods on this method to update their displays when the situation changes.

# Function Text Scroll Windows

16.3 Another type of scroll window is the *function text scroll window*. Function text scroll windows allow you to dynamically specify different functions to display items. A function text scroll window has an instance variable that contains the display function used.

#### w:function-text-scroll-window

Flavor

An instantiable function text scroll window.

:print-function function

Initialization Option of w:function-text-scroll-window

Gettable, settable.

Sets the function called to display an item.

:print-function-arg arg

Initialization Option of w:function-text-scroll-window

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets the additional argument to be passed to the print function. The print function's complete list of arguments includes the item itself, the value of w:print-function-arg, the window, and the item number.

:setup list

Method of w:function-text-scroll-window

Sets up the text scroll window parameters to the values specified by *list*, which is a list of the following form:

```
(print-function print-function-arg (item...) top-item-number label item-generator)
```

#### where:

print-function is the function that displays the item.

print-function-arg specifies the arguments.

item is the list of items to be displayed. If item-generator is non-nil, item is ignored.

top-item-number is the first item to be displayed.

label is passed to the :set-label method.

item-generator should be nil if item is specified. If item-generator is specified, it should have the form discussed in paragraph 16.4, Item Generators.

Because a text scroll window updates a display according to a fixed pattern, it is often useful for it to have an inferior that is a typeout window for the sake of occasional output that is not part of the standard display (such as output produced by pressing the HELP key in the Inspector).

# w:text-scroll-window-typeout-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:text-scroll-window

Can be added to a flavor containing w:text-scroll-window to provide a typeout window. The w:text-scroll-window-typeout-mixin flavor also arranges for proper interaction with the typeout window and partial redisplay over the area it uses.

### :flush-typeout

Method of w:text-scroll-window-typeout-mixin

If the typeout window is active, :flush-typeout deexposes it and ensures that redisplay knows the lines have been used by the typeout window.

# w:text-scroll-window-empty-gray-hack

Flavor

Required flavor: w:text-scroll-window

A mixin that goes with w:text-scroll-window. When windows of this type have an empty array for the w:items instance variable or an item generator indicating that the number of items is 0, the interior of the window becomes gray. This flavor is used in some panes of the window-based debugger frame and the glossary. For example, as shown in the following figure, the Text Pane of the Glossary is gray when the Glossary is first invoked, that is, until you display a definition.

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# **Item Generators**

16.4 The item generator feature allows the Inspector to scroll through the elements of a large array without having to create another equally large array of items. This feature generates the item description of the values to be displayed using a function called the *item generator function*.

#### :item-generator

Method of w:text-scroll-window

Settable. Default: nil

Returns the item generator function, or nil if no item generator is in use. The item generator is a function that simulates the effect of an array of items. It overrides any explicit array of items; the value of w:items is still an array, but it does not affect the display.

The item generator function expects its first argument to be an item generator method keyword. Table 16-1 shows the defined keywords.

Table 16-1 Keywords for the Item Generator Function		
Keyword	Description	
:number-of-items	Returns the total number of items to scroll through (the equivalent of the fill pointer in an actual array of items).	
:number-of-item item	Returns the index of the item specified by <i>item</i> . If an actual array were used, this would be the index in the array where <i>item</i> is found. The test used for comparison is eq.	
:item-of-number index	Returns the item at the index specified by <i>index</i> . If an actual array were used, this would be the element located at the array position pointed to by <i>index</i> .	
insert-item index item Inserts a new item before another item specified by index. item states the item to be inserted. If an actual array were used, this insertion be performed by moving the elements down one, beginning with including the element at index. The item generator needs to supp keyword only if you wish to use the :insert-item or :append-item methods on the window.		
:delete-item index	Deletes the item at the index specified by <i>index</i> . The items following the item at <i>index</i> move up one position. The item generator needs to support this keyword only if you wish to used the :delete-item method on the window.	

The Inspector uses an item generator to display the elements of an array so that it does not have to create another array of items as big as the array being displayed (that is, so the Inspector does not cons a very long list of consecutive integers for the array). If L is the length of the array's leader, then item numbers 0 through L-1 correspond to the leader, and item number L+I corresponds to array element I (a multidimensional array being treated as a one-dimensional array).

The value of the item at item number n is simply n. In other words, the virtual array of items that the item generator simulates is an array of consecutive integers, independent of the data being displayed. This may seem to be an unusual way of doing things, but consider this: the line for the Ith element should not print out as simply that element. The line should contain the number I as well. So the item value is simply L + I, and the :print-item method is redefined to print such a number by printing I followed by the Ith array element.

The following code is the item generator used by the Inspector. Note that the array whose elements are being displayed is found as (car w:print-functionarg), and (cadr w:print-functionarg) is non-nil if the leader should be displayed. The w:print-functionarg form is an instance variable from the flavor w:function-text-scroll-window:

The :insert-item and :delete-item methods are not supported because the Inspector does not try to insert or delete items.

The Inspector uses w:function-text-scroll-window so that :print-object is handled by calling a dynamically changeable *print function*. The following example shows a version of the print function used by the Inspector when displaying an array:

```
(defun inspect-array-printer (item arg stream item-number &aux (obj (car arg))
  (leader-length-to-mention (if (cadr arg) (array-leader-length obj) 0)))
  "The print-function used when inspecting an array."
 ;; (CAR ARG) is the array. (CADR ARG) is T to display the leader.
 ;; ITEM is usually a number. A small number is an index in the leader.
 ;; Numbers too big for that start moving through the array elements.
 ;;;Make sure base is consistent since sometimes this is called from the mouse process.
 (let ((*print-base* (send (send self :superior) :*inspect-print-base*)))
    (cond
      ((not (numberp item)) (inspect-printer item obj stream item-number))
      ((< item leader-length-to-mention)
       (let ((pntr (locf (array-leader obj item))))
         (send stream :item1 item 'leader-slot
             #'(lambda (item stream) (format stream "leader -d" item)))
       (format stream ":-12t ")
       (if (%p-contents-safe-p pntr)
           (send stream :item1 (array-leader obj item) :value #'print-item-concisely)
           (format stream "#<-a -o>"
                    (or (nth (%p-data-type pntr) q-data-types)
                        (%p-data-type pntr))
                    (%p-pointer pntr)))))
       (let ((item (- item leader-length-to-mention))
             (rank (array-rank obj))
             indices)
         (or (= rank 1) (setq indices (array-indices-from-index obj item)))
         (send stream :item1 (cons item (if (= rank 1) item indices)) 'array-slot
               #'(lambda (datum stream) (format stream "elt -d" (cdr datum))))
         (format stream ": -9t ")
         (if
          (or (cdr (assoc (array-type obj) array-bits-per-element :test #'eq))
               (%p-contents-safe-p (ap-1-force obj item)))
          ;; Deal with data types that are objects, and with numeric arrays.
          (send stream :item1 (ar-1-force obj item) :value #'print-item-concisely)
          ;; Deal with data types that aren't really objects.
          (format stream "#<-a -o>"
                   (or (nth (%p-data-type (ap-1-force obj item)) q-data-types)
                       (%p-data-type (ap-1-force obj item)))
                   (%p-pointer (ap-1-force obj item))))))))
```

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Mouse-Sensitive Text Scroll Windows 16.5 The following flavors, methods, and so forth, discuss ways to define and use mouse-sensitive items.

#### w:mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-window

Flavor

Allows the lines to contain mouse-sensitive items exactly like those of w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items, though the implementation is different. You must create a :print-item method for any flavor you create using w:mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-window. The existing :print-item method puts the item only on the window; it does not put the item into the array of items that are currently displayed. This causes an item to appear after scrolling but not be selectable.

The following code handles simple cases:

Refer to the source code for the w:displayed-items-text-scroll-window flavor for more information on writing a suitable :print-item method.

:mouse-click button x y

Method of w:mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-window

Examines the item clicked on.

- If the item includes an item type in its association list, the :mouse-click method causes the :force-kbd-input method to insert the list (type item self (merge-shift-key button)) into the input buffer; :mouse-click then returns t.
- If the item does *not* include an item type in its association list, :mouse-click returns the x and y coordinates of the item.

:item type item &rest format-args Method of w:mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-window

Can be used in the :print-item method to include mouse-sensitive items in the output.

item and type are not necessarily used in printing the item, but they are used in handling a click on the item. type is used to look up a function in the item-type association list, and item is placed directly into the :typeout-execute blip. This blip is handled automatically by the :mouse-click method. format-args represents any arguments that are used to format its output.

The :item-list and :primitive-item methods of the w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items flavor are not provided, because they are not really useful in this context.

:item1 item type print-function &rest args

Method of

w:mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-window

Enables output to include mouse-sensitive items. Unlike :item, :item1 specifies how *item* is output by calling *print-function* using *item*, the window, and the elements of *args* as arguments. *item* and *type* have the same meanings as for the :item method.

In a typical w:basic-mouse-sensitive-items window, mouse-sensitive items are output on specific occasions, and only because they are supposed to be present and mouse-sensitive at that time. In a text scroll window, a single display is usually maintained at all times, but the parts that should be sensitive to the mouse may need to depend on other things. For example, in the Inspector, the values of components are sensitive, but when you are specifying a component to store into, the names of the components are sensitive instead.

### :sensitive-item-types alist

Initialization Option of w:mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-window

Gettable, settable. Default: t

Controls which items are mouse-sensitive item types. A mouse-sensitive item is sensitive to the mouse if its type (as specified in the :item method) is a member of the list that is w:sensitive-item-types.

If w:sensitive-item-types is t (the default), all mouse-sensitive items actually are sensitive.

#### w:mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-window-without-click

Flavor

A component of the w:mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-window flavor that provides everything but the :mouse-click method. Because this method uses the :or method combination, it is not possible to override a method once it is present.

#### :mouse-sensitive-item x y

Method of

w:mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-window-without-click

Returns either a list describing the mouse-sensitive item found at cursor position x, y in the window, or nil if there is no item there.

The list has the following format:

```
(type item left top right bottom)
```

where:

type and item are as specified in the :item method.

left, top, right, and bottom are cursor position coordinates relative to the outside top left corner of the window.

The Inspector's print function discussed in the previous paragraphs performs its output using the :item1 method so that the output becomes mouse-sensitive. The following example for the cond clause handles leader elements:

In this example, leader-slot and :value are item types that the Inspector makes mouse-sensitive at various times.

### Mouse Blips

16.5.1 When you click the mouse on a mouse-sensitive item, a blip is placed in the window's input buffer. The blip has the following form:

(type item window mouse-character)

#### where:

type is the item type, such as leader-slot or :value.

item is the actual item value specified in the :item or :item1 method.

window is the text scroll window itself. (This is how the Inspector can tell which inspect pane you click on.)

mouse-character is a character whose mouse bit is 1. mouse-character tells the program which button was clicked.

# w:line-area-text-scroll-mixin

Flavor

# Required flavors: w:margin-region-mixin, w:text-scroll-window

When added to the w:text-scroll-window flavor, this flavor creates a line area near the left edge where the mouse cursor changes to a right-pointing arrow, and a mouse click means something different than it normally does. The line area is an additional part of the left margin and does not overlap the space used for displaying the items.

A mouse click in the line area puts a blip into the input buffer that has the following format:

(:line-area item window button-mask)

# where:

item is the actual item value specified in the :item or :item1 method.

window is the text scroll window itself. (This is how the Inspector can tell which inspect pane you click on.)

button-mask is a mask of bits corresponding to mouse buttons. (See the w:mouse-last-buttons variable in paragraph 11.4.1, Button Masks, for information on how to interpret button-mask.)

#### :line-area-width number

Initialization Option of w:line-area-text-scroll-mixin

Default: 24.

Initializes the width of the line area in pixels to number.

## :line-area-mouse-documentation

Method of w:line-area-text-scroll-mixin

Default: "Select a line."

Returns a string to display in the mouse documentation window while the mouse cursor is in the line area.

# w:line-area-mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-mixin

Flavor

Required flavor: w:line-area-text-scroll-mixin

Used instead of w:line-area-text-scroll-mixin if the w:mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-window flavor is used to create the window.

#### w:current-item-mixin

Flavor

When added to w:line-area-text-scroll-mixin, identifies one of the items with an arrow in the line area.

#### :current-item

Method of w:current-item-mixin

Settable. Default: nil

Returns the item to be marked with an arrow, or nil if there is no item. An arrow marks this item if it is on the screen, no matter where it is located.

The following flavors are part of the implementation of the w:mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-window flavor.

# w:displayed-items-text-scroll-window

Flavor

Records additional information about the items that are displayed. This flavor provides an instance variable, w:displayed-items, which is an array indexed by line number. In this array, the :print-item method stores any relevant information about what was displayed on the line.

This flavor does not define the meaning of elements of the array. The :printitem method is responsible for storing whatever information is useful into the appropriate element of the array. The flavor, however, does move elements of the array when scrolling is performed, and sets them to nil when parts of the window are cleared or when they are about to be redisplayed.

The w:displayed-items-text-scroll-window flavor is essentially a subroutine of the w:mouse-sensitive-text-scroll-window flavor, which uses each element of w:displayed-items to hold information on the mouse-sensitive items for the line.

### w:displayed-items

Instance Variable of w:displayed-items-text-scroll-window

The array of information about lines on the screen.

# **Inspector Flavors**

16.6 The Inspector uses text scroll windows. The following flavor and resource are available to use to create an Inspector frame.

# w:inspect-frame

Flavor

A self-contained Inspector with its own process to update the display.

# w:inspect-frame-resource &optional (superior w:mouse-sheet)

Resource

A resource of Inspector frames that are created in a special way so that they do not have their own processes but instead are invoked in another process by the inspect function.

# GENERAL SCROLL WINDOWS

# Using General Scroll Windows

17.1 General scroll windows are used to exhibit a continuously maintained display of items, each of which can vary in size. Peek uses general scroll windows. General scroll windows (from now on called scroll windows) are not a generalization or a building block of text scroll windows, but rather an independent facility.

The scroll window's display is made up of items, which are not the same as items in text scroll windows. The same term is used because the item is a similar structure for these types of windows.

An *item* in a scroll window always occupies one or more entire lines. An item can be composed of subitems that are displayed vertically, each subitem occupying and filling up a certain number of lines. The subitems can, in turn, be composed of more items. New subitems can be dynamically added or deleted at any level, and the display is updated automatically to match the list of items by moving lines around on the screen.

Eventually, this process of subdivision comes to an end, with *lowest-level* items made up of *entries*, which are sequenced horizontally.

An entry displays a single string or quantity, updating its display if the value changes. The entry must record how to obtain a value to display, how to tell when the value has changed after the screen was updated, and how to output the new value. A single entry can wrap around at the right margin exactly like ordinary output. Entries can be added to and removed from an item dynamically.

In Peek's Active Processes display (shown on the following page), a single item displays the entire set of processes. It is composed of subitems, one for each process. If a new process appears, a new subitem is created to display it. The subitem for a single process is a lowest-level item. Each characteristic displayed about a process—its name, its run state, its priority, its percentage of use of the central processing unit (CPU)—is displayed by a single entry in that item.

The line of column headings at the top of the display is also a lowest-level item, and the column heading entries display constant strings.

Every character displayed on a scroll window comes from an entry. The items group entries and control the automatic insertion and deletion of entries.

Entries can be either of fixed or variable width. A variable-width entry takes up as much space as is needed to print its data; this spacing can change when the window is redisplayed. During redisplay, the remaining entries in the item must all move left or right. A fixed-width entry specifies an amount of horizontal space and always occupies that much space. As a result, it can be redisplayed without redisplaying the rest of the item afterward. The entries used in the Active Processes display are all fixed-width so that they line up in columns.

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NOTE: The window redisplay algorithm is not designed to handle an entry that specifies a fixed width if the printing of the entry's contents exceeds that width.

The data structure that represents an item is either a list or an array. If it is a list, its cdr is a list of component items, and its car contains information on how to update the list (add or remove component items). The item is then displayed simply as the concatenation of its components. If it is an array, then it is a lowest-level, single-line item, and the elements of the array represent entries on the line. The array also has leader slots whose meanings are described in the following paragraphs.

# Specifying Items and Entries

17.2 You do not generally create an array item or an entry yourself. They are made by calling the w:scroll-parse-item function, which is given a descriptive data structure made out of lists. Examples of its use are at the end of this section.

The arguments to w:scroll-parse-item are called *entry descriptors*, each of which specifies how to create one entry. The entries thus specified all go together into one list of items, called the root item, by using the following code fragment:

```
(list nil
   (w:scroll-parse-item entry-descriptor1 entry-descriptor2...)
```

The following are the possible kinds of entry descriptors. The arguments enclosed in brackets in the following descriptions (such as [width]) are optional arguments.

- A string or a list (:string string [width]) The entry is displayed by printing string. A string entry never varies because it always displays precisely the specified string and is always of fixed width. The width can be specified as a means of controlling the position of the following entry; otherwise, the actual width needed to print the string is the width of the item. For example, either (:string "Foobar" 10.) or "Foobar" specifies an entry that prints as Foobar followed by four spaces.
- A list (:symeval symbol [width-or-nil] [format-string]) The entry is displayed by printing the value of symbol by passing it to format together with format-string. If format-string is omitted, the value is printed with princ. This type of entry is automatically updated when the value of symbol changes. width-or-nil can be either a number of pixels to specify a fixed-width entry, or nil to specify a variable-width entry. For example, (:symeval \*print-base\* nil " ~ D. ") specifies an entry that prints the value of \*print-base\* in decimal with a following period and a space before and after. It is of variable width, so the space it takes up is three plus however many digits are needed to print the value of \*print-base\*.
- A list (:function function list-of-args [width-or-nil] [format-string]) The value to display is obtained by applying function to list-of-args. If this value has changed since the last time it was checked, it is displayed by passing it to format together with format-string. If format-string is nil, the value is simply printed with princ. width-or-nil can be a number of pixels to specify a fixed-width entry, or nil to specify a variable-width entry. For example, the following code creates an entry descriptor that specifies an entry calling sys:process-quantum-remaining on some process and prints the result in decimal, followed by a slash, in a field five characters wide:

```
(:function sys:process-quantum-remaining
  (,process) 5. ("~ 4D/"))
```

A compiled function or certain interpreted functions — An entry descriptor is considered a function if it is either a compiled function (a functional entry frame, or FEF) or a list starting with lambda or named-lambda. It is treated as an abbreviation for (:function function), which specifies no arguments, variable width, and no format string (the value is printed with princ).

■ A list (:value index [width-or-nil] [format-string]) — The value to be displayed is found at index in the window's value-array.

Two other keywords can make the entry mouse-sensitive in an entry descriptor. The keywords can be used only in scroll windows that have w:essential-scroll-mouse-mixin. To use these keywords, you first construct an entry descriptor to specify how the entry should print, according to the preceding discussion of entry descriptors. Then you add one of these keywords and a value to go with it at the front of the list. The :mouse keyword makes the entry mouse-sensitive but has no effect on how the entry appears on the screen.

■ The :mouse keyword is used in an entry descriptor that has the following format:

```
(:mouse mouse-data . another-entry-descriptor)
```

Such an entry descriptor is handled by creating an entry from another-entry-descriptor and then modifying it by recording mouse-data as the mouse sensitivity of the entry. The resulting entry prints according to another-entry-descriptor but is mouse-sensitive as well. mouse-data is a string of constant width. If neither a width for the item nor nil is specified, the default is nil, which causes the item to use however much space is required. If a formatted string is not supplied, the value is printed.

For example, the entry descriptor for Peek is as follows:

■ The :mouse-item keyword is used in an entry descriptor that has the following format:

```
(:mouse-item mouse-data . another-entry-descriptor)
```

:mouse-item is like :mouse, except that the w:item symbol is replaced throughout mouse-data with item, which is the item this entry becomes a part of. mouse-data should be a list. There is no way to cause the entry itself to be inserted into its own mouse-sensitive data because this is not useful when scroll windows are used in the intended manner.

w:scroll-parse-item &rest keyword-args-and-entry-descriptors

Function

Creates and returns an array item containing entries constructed according to keyword-args-and-entry-descriptors.

The argument begins optionally with alternating keywords and values, which specify information that applies to the item as a whole. They are followed by entry descriptors, one for each entry you want in the item. Keywords and

entry descriptors are distinguished by the fact that an entry descriptor is never a symbol. The following keywords are defined:

Keyword	Description
:mouse	The value stored as the mouse sensitivity of the entire item. This value is meaningful only if the window flavor includes w:essential-scroll-mouse-mixin.
:mouse-self	The value stored as the mouse sensitivity of the entire item, but first the symbol self is replaced wherever it appears beside the item itself (the array that this function is constructing). This value is meaningful only if the window flavor includes w:essential-scroll-mouse-mixin.
:leader	Requests extra slots to be allocated in the array leader of the item array. :leader is either a number, the number of extra slots desired, or a list whose length is the number of extra slots and whose contents are used to initialize these slots.

# w:scroll-string-item-with-embedded-newlines string

**Function** 

Returns an item that displays the string specified by string. This item is composed of one item for each line making up string.

The following code is an example taken from Peek. The code creates the item for a process (the value of process) in Active Processes mode. The entries that use the process as a function work because the process is a flavor object; the argument given to the process is a flavor operation. Note that w:peek-process-menu is a function in Peek that asks for a choice with a pop-up menu:

# Using a Scroll Window

17.3 The following flavors, methods, and initialization options allow a scroll window to be used.

#### w:basic-scroll-window

Flavor

The basis for all flavors of scroll windows; provides all the facilities specific to scroll windows. The flavor is not instantiable by itself.

# w:scroll-window

Flavor

An instantiable scroll window flavor. This flavor provides scroll bars, margin scrolling, borders, and labels.

In addition to being able to create a tree of items and entries, you must tell the scroll window to display them. At the highest level, the entire display is grouped into a single item—the *root item*. Switching modes in Peek works by switching to a new root item.

:display-item root-item

Initialization Option of w:basic-scroll-window

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets the root item of the window that determines the window's display. The root item usually contains several subitems. Setting the root item redisplays the window. Typically, *root-item* is a value returned by the w:scroll-parse-item function.

:truncation t-or-nil

Initialization Option of w:basic-scroll-window

Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Determines whether entries wrap around at the right margin. If w:truncation is nil, entries can wrap around at the right margin. Otherwise, each item can occupy only one line. Setting the flag redisplays the window.

A scroll window has a *value array* whose elements can be used to hold arbitrary data to be displayed by entries using the keyword :value. Such an entry specifies the index of a slot in the value array whose contents are the data to display. Putting appropriate data in the value array is up to you. One technique is to have an automatically updating item whose update function stores data into the value array and to have entries in the item use those value-array slots. There can be many such items, all using the same value-array slots.

:value-array array-or-length

Initialization Option of w:basic-scroll-window

Gettable, settable.

Initializes the window's w:value-array instance variable to the value of array-or-length; that is, w:value-array specifies how many elements are in the array. If array-or-length is an array, then :value-array uses that array. If array-or-length is a number, then :value-array creates an array of that size.

The :redisplay method updates the display based on the current root item and automatically reprints the entries whose contents have changed. The window system executes :redisplay automatically at certain times (such as when the window size is changed or the screen is refreshed), but if you want this method to execute simply because some of the displayed data has changed, you must send a :redisplay message yourself.

The :redisplay-selected-items method is another way to request display updating. This method allows you to control which items are checked.

:redisplay &optional (full-p nil) (force-p nil)

Method of w:basic-scroll-window

Redisplays the contents of the scroll window.

Arguments:

full-p — If the full-p argument is nil, the window assumes that its screen bits contain the result of the last redisplay that was performed, and only items and entries whose contents are different from those of last time are actually output. If full-p is non-nil, everything that is supposed to be on the screen is redrawn.

force-p — If the force-p argument is non-nil, :redisplay updates the contents of the window even if it is not exposed. Normally, :redisplay waits if the window is not exposed.

# :redisplay-selected-items list-of-items

Method of w:basic-scroll-window

Redisplays the items in the *list-of-items* argument if they are present on the screen. Other items in the current item hierarchy are not considered for redisplay. Each element of *list-of-items* is an entry descriptor.

Because a scroll window shows a constantly updated display, it is often useful to have a typeout window in it for occasional output that is not part of the display usually shown.

# w:scroll-window-with-typeout-mixin

Flavor

Required flavors: w:window-with-typeout-mixin, w:basic-scroll-window

Should be used in addition to w:window-with-typeout-mixin on any scroll window that is to have a typeout window. The w:scroll-window-with-typeout-mixin flavor handles interfacing between typeout window output and redisplay of the scroll window.

# w:scroll-window-with-typeout

Flavor

Produces a scroll window that has an inferior typeout window.

# Inserting and Deleting Items

17.4 Scroll windows provide methods for replacing, inserting, and deleting items explicitly. Because the items form a hierarchy, the position at which to replace, insert, or delete the item must be specified as a list of numbers. For example, (1 3 0) as a position means item number 0 within item number 3 within item number 1 (within w:display-item). Specifying nil as a position refers to the root item itself.

These methods also update the window on the screen, as necessary.

# :get-item position

Method of w:basic-scroll-window

Returns the item at the window location specified by position.

# :set-item position item

Method of w:basic-scroll-window

Stores the value of item into the hierarchy at position.

# :insert-item position item

Method of w:basic-scroll-window

Inserts *item* at *position* and before the item that was originally at *position*. In other words, the :insert-item method moves all the items in the window—beginning with the item at the position specified by the *position* argument—down one position, then inserts the value of the *item* argument at the position specified by the *position* argument.

# :delete-item position

Method of w:basic-scroll-window

Deletes the item at *position* and moves the following item to that position. In other words, the :delete-item method deletes the item in the window position specified by the *position* argument, then moves the following items up so that the gap is closed.

# Automatically Updating Items

17.5 Just as an entry automatically updates the value it displays, an item can automatically update the list of items it contains. For example, the Active Processes display contains one item that displays a list of all active processes. This item contains a list of component items, one item per process. Just before the displayed entries for each process are updated—if necessary—additional items should be created and inserted in the list if there are any newly active processes, and items should be removed if processes have become inactive.

The first element of an item that is a list is used to store the data of a property list for the item. The :pre-process-function and :function properties have the following standard meanings:

- :pre-process-function A function called whenever it is time to display this item. The sole argument of :pre-process-function is the item itself. The function called by :pre-process-function can modify the item. The returned value is ignored.
- :function A function to update an individual component of this item. The function specified by :function is called each time any component item is about to be displayed or used.

The arguments given to the function called by :function are the component item, the reverse of the *position* of that item—a list of integers—and the location of the property list of the containing item. (See the discussion of position in paragraph 17.4, Inserting and Deleting Items.) The third argument represents the same property list on which the :function property appears (this can be passed directly to get). To repeat, the second argument is the *reverse* of the position that would be passed to the :get-item operation or related operations.

The function called by :function should return an updated component item.

Other properties can be used for any purpose. Some of the commonly used preprocess functions use other properties for their internal state information and additional parameters.

w:scroll-maintain-list init-fun item-fun

Function

&optional per-elt-fun stepper compact-p pre-proc-fun w:scroll-maintain-list-unordered init-fun item-fun

Function

&optional per-elt-fun stepper

Returns an item that maintains a list of compor

Returns an item that maintains a list of component items, one for each element of a *driving list*—the list used to specify an item. The item updates automatically so that component items appear and disappear as elements of the driving list do. These functions are not useful for recursive applications.

w:scroll-maintain-list-unordered is similar to w:scroll-maintain-list. w:scroll-maintain-list-unordered always adds new component items at the front of the combined item, no matter where they appear in the driving list. Changes in the order of that list have no effect at all. This is why this function is called unordered.

Arguments:

init-fun — A function of no arguments that returns the current value of the driving list.

- item-fun A function that, given an element of the list, returns a component item to use to display for that element. The item created starts out with no component items. The function specified by item-fun is called each time a new element appears in the driving list. The appropriate set of component items is created by adding them one by one in this way the first time the item is updated.
- per-elt-fun The :function property. This item works because it is given a suitable preprocess function. The other arguments to w:scroll-maintain-list are also stored on the property list of the item created.
- stepper Either a function to step through a list or nil. The function specified by stepper is called with one argument, a list, and returns three values:
  - 1. The first element extracted from it.
  - 2. A list of the remaining elements.
  - 3. Non-nil to indicate that there are no more elements—a nil list is always recognized as being empty, regardless of the third value.
- compact-p If the compact-p argument is non-nil, then the w:scroll-maintain-list function recopies the list each time an element is inserted or deleted, so the list remains compact and localized.
- pre-proc-fun A function that executes before the function specified by per-elt-fun.

Normally, the value returned by the function specified by the *init-fun* argument is a list, with objects from which the items are made as its elements. However, it is possible to extract the objects in other ways. The function specified by *stepper* is first called with the value returned by *init-fun*. The first value goes—if it is new—to the *item-fun* argument; the second value is fed back to the function specified by the *stepper* argument unless either the value is nil or the third value is non-nil.

The following code shows an example of a *stepper* function that can step through the properties in a property list:

```
(defun plist-stepper (plist-tail)
  (values (car plist-tail) (cddr plist-tail)))
```

The following code shows how Peek, in Window Hierarchy mode, recursively creates a tree of automatically updating items:

```
;; Make an item to describe window and its inferiors.
;; Indent is an indentation to print with.
(defun peek-window-inferiors (window indent)
  (declare (special window indent))
  (w:scroll-maintain-list
    (closure '(window) #'(lambda () (w:sheet-inferiors window)))
(closure '(indent)
      #'(lambda (this-window)
                ;; Make an item with two subitems.
              (list ()
                     ;; one for this window,
                  (w:scroll-parse-item
                       (format nil "~V@T" indent)
                       `(:mouse
                         (nil :eval (peek-window-menu ', this-window)
                          :documentation
                          "Menu of useful things to do to this window.")
                         :string ,(send this-window :name)))
                        ;; and one with subitems for its inferiors.
                  (peek-window-inferiors this-window
                                               (+ indent 4)))))))
```

The following code shows how Peek makes the item that displays a Chaosnet connection's packets. Instead of a list of packets, there is a chain of packets, with each packet pointing to the next one. An explicit *stepper* is therefore required. The chaos:pkt-link function, when given one packet, returns the next packet in the chain (or nil at the end):

w:scroll-maintain-list-update-states elements window & optional item

**Function** 

Redisplays some of the component items of an item.

Arguments:

elements — A list that specifies which component items to update. If the element of the driving list from which a component item was made is memq of elements, then the component item is updated.

window - The window being operated on.

item — An item of the type created by w:scroll-maintain-list or w:scroll-maintain-list-unordered.

# Representation of Items

17.6 An item is either a list or an array. A list item contains other items, while an array item contains entries.

List items use the following functions:

# **Functions**

# Returned Value

w:scroll-item-component-items item	The list of component items of this item.
w:scroll-item-plist item	The contents of the property list of this item.

Array items use the following access functions, which refer to array leader slots (the array elements themselves hold the entries in the item):

Functions	Returned Value
w:scroll-item-size item	The number of entries in the item.
w:scroll-item-mouse-items item	A list of mouse-sensitive areas of entries in this item.
w:scroll-item-line-sensitivity item	What was specified for mouse sensitivity of the item as a whole (using the :mouse or keyword in w:scroll-parse-item).

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#### w:scroll-item-leader-offset

Variable

The number of standardly defined slots in an item's array leader. The slot with this or any higher number can be used by applications for their own purposes.

Entries are also arrays. They have many components, all managed internally, and users should not access them directly. Peek never needs to do so.

# Mouse-Sensitive Scroll Windows

17.7 The w:scroll-parse-item function provides syntax, described previously, for associating mouse sensitivity to any item or entry. The mouse sensitivity is a list whose purpose is to identify which mouse-sensitive area was clicked on and to specify what to do when that happens.

If the car of the mouse sensitivity is nil, then the mouse sensitivity is interpreted as a menu item. When the mouse-sensitive area is clicked on, the :execute method executes the menu item, but this is done in the mouse process. Unfortunately, there is no way to avoid this convention because mouse clicks on scroll windows can happen at any time, and no other process can use the :choose method to process mouse clicks.

If the car of the mouse sensitivity is non-nil, a click is handled by putting a blip into the scroll window's input buffer. The blip has the following form:

(blip-type sensitivity window mouse-character)

#### where:

blip-type is the car of that list.

sensitivity is the mouse sensitivity list.

window is the scroll window itself.

mouse-character is a character such as #\mouse-R-1 that indicates which button was clicked.

blip-type is extracted and put at the front so that programs using scroll windows can handle blips from many sources. By specifying the car of each mouse sensitivity, the program can distinguish these blips from blips coming from menus, typeout windows, and so on, and process each one in the correct fashion.

A scroll window often displays many similar items that describe different data objects. These items all have the same patterns of mouse sensitivity. By using the :mouse-self and :mouse-item keywords, the program can set the mouse sensitivity. The :mouse-self keyword sets the sensitivity for an item, and the :mouse-item keyword sets the sensitivity for an entry. These keywords insert the items themselves into the sensitivity in place of the symbols self or w:item, respectively.

#### w:essential-scroll-mouse-mixin

Flavor

Gives a scroll window the ability to make items or entries mouse-sensitive.

#### w:scroll-mouse-mixin

Flavor

In addition to the features provided by w:essential-scroll-mouse-mixin, w:scroll-mouse-mixin also defines the :execute method to allow the mouse to be used on general scroll windows.

## Peek Flavor

17.8 The Peek utility uses general scroll windows. The following flavor is available to use to create a Peek frame.

#### tv:peek-frame

Flavor

A self-contained Peek display with its own process to update the display.

# MISCELLANEOUS FEATURES

#### Introduction

18.1 This section discusses miscellaneous features available in the window system, including notifications; creating, recording, and playing sound; specific types of windows (such as Lisp Listeners and Zmacs editors); the mouse documentation window and status line; the System menu; window resources; and functions to help you find existing windows.

### **Notifications**

18.2 Notifications are asynchronous messages that come from something other than the selected window. For example, when an interactive message from another user comes in (which was sent with the qsend function), the message is printed as a notification. Notifications can also be specified as part of a window's deexposed typeout action, the action taken when a process tries to get input from a window whose input buffer is empty and which is neither selected nor exposed.

A deexposed typeout action of :notify means that input from the window should notify the user when it is deexposed with a message like Process X wants typein. (See paragraph 7.4.1, Deexposed Typeout Actions, for more information about the actions.) Sometimes a notification is printed out immediately, and sometimes a message appears in the mouse documentation window. The selected window controls where the notification is displayed.

Another way a window can handle a notification is to send the notification to another window. For example, editor windows (of the zwei:zmacs-window-pane flavor) ask the containing Zmacs frame to send the notification, and the Zmacs frame in turn asks the Echo Area window to handle the notification. The window then displays the notification if the notification fits.

w:notify window-of-interest format-string &rest format-args w:careful-notify window-of-interest careful-p format-string &rest format-args Function Function

Makes a notification. Unlike w:notify, if careful-p of w:careful-notify is non-nil and the notification cannot be printed now because the windows are locked or because no window is selected, w:careful-notify returns a value immediately. The value returned is non-nil if the notification was printed successfully.

#### Arguments:

window-of-interest — The window that appears when you move the mouse blinker into the notification window and click a mouse button. For example, a notification about a message from another user supplies the Converse window as this argument. This window can also be selected with the TERM 0 S keystroke sequence.

careful-p — Non-nil if care must be taken with regard to disturbing window-of-interest.

format-string — Controls how the text is printed. This argument specifies the field and data type as well as anything else that is printed (such as string constants) when the string is printed. This argument is passed to the format function to print the text of the notification.

format-args — The name of the variable to be printed. This argument is passed to the format function to print the text of the notification.

#### :print-notification time string window-of-interest

Method of windows

Invoked by the system on the selected window to make a notification. In most cases, it is simpler to use the w:notify or the w:careful-notify functions rather than this method.

Arguments:

time — The time mentioned in the notification. Typically, you should specify the value returned by the time function; however, any value in universal time format is acceptable.

string — The text to print.

window-of-interest — The window that appears when you move the mouse blinker into the notification window and click a mouse button. For example, a notification about a message from another user supplies the Converse window as this argument. You can also select this window using the TERM 0 S keystroke sequence.

#### w:print-notifications & optional (from 0) to

Function

Prints on \*standard-output\* from number of notifications that have happened in this session, with the most recent first. Because the default for from is 0, the function prints all the messages if you do not specify otherwise. to specifies the number of the last message to print.

#### w:notification-mixin

Flavor

Causes a selected window to handle notifications by printing them out on the window itself, if the window is big enough. Many types of Lisp Listeners and typeout windows use this mixin. Window flavors incorporating w:notification-mixin sometimes redefine:print-notification-on-self to meet specific requirements.

### :print-notification-on-self time string window-of-interest

Method of w:notification-mixin

Does the actual work of printing a notification on the window, once the window has been definitely chosen to do so. Window flavors incorporating w:notification-mixin sometimes redefine:print-notification-on-self to meet specific requirements.

#### Arguments:

time — The time mentioned in the notification.

string — The text to print.

window-of-interest — The window that appears when you move the mouse blinker into the notification window and click a mouse button. For example, a notification about a message from another user supplies the Converse window as this argument. You can also select this window using the TERM 0 S keystroke sequence.

# w:delay-notification-mixin

Flavor

Implements the default procedure for handling notifications, which depends on the window's deexposed typeout action (discussed in paragraph 7.4.1). This flavor is a component of w:window, as well as of anything that contains w:select-mixin. The w:notification-mixin flavor works by overriding w:delay-notification-mixin.

If a notification arrives while a window of the w:delay-notification-mixin flavor type is selected, the notification is put on a list called w:pending-notifications. The only action that happens immediately is a beep. The presence of a non-nil value for w:pending-notifications, however, causes the mouse documentation window to display a message that notifications are waiting, with blinking asterisks at each end of the documentation window.

As soon as a window that can print the notifications is selected, the notifications are printed. For example, a Lisp Listener can print notifications. If you are in the editor, selecting the typeout window by pressing the BREAK key causes the notifications to be printed.

Also, the TERM N keystroke sequence selects a window that prints the notifications. Alternatively, the TERM 2 N keystroke sequence can return the mouse documentation window to its normal function. The TERM 2 N keystroke sequence works by transferring everything on w:pending-notifications to the w:deferred-notifications list. These deferred notifications are still printed when you switch to a suitable window.

#### w:pending-notifications

Variable

A list of notifications that are waiting for the user to switch windows or press TERM N before the system displays them. When w:pending-notifications is non-nil, the mouse documentation window announces notifications with a message.

#### w:deferred-notifications

Variable

A list similar to w:pending-notifications. Unlike w:pending-notifications, when w:deferred-notifications becomes non-nil, the mouse documentation window does *not* display a message.

#### w:find-process-in-error

**Function** 

Returns a process that, having made a notification, has an error and is waiting for a window to be selected so that the debugger can be run. If no such process is waiting, w:find-process-in-error returns nil. If there are several such processes, the most recent one to make its notification is returned. The second value returned is the window for which the process is waiting.

### w:choose-process-in-error

**Function** 

Similar to w:find-process-in-error, but asks the user about each process that is in error and is waiting to be selected so that the debugger can be run on the chosen process. When the user types an upper- or lowercase y in response to a particular prompt, the process specified by that prompt is returned. If the user types an upper- or lowercase n in response to each prompt, w:choose-process-in-error returns nil. The second value returned is the window for which the process is waiting.

:notice event

Method of windows

Reports certain events so that flavors can redefine what to do when the events occur. :notice uses the :or method combination—all the methods are run until one method returns non-nil. Using the :or method allows you to redefine the :notice effect more easily.

event is an event name—a keyword. Additional arguments are allowed but have no meaning for any of the events currently defined. The defined events can be :input, :output, :input-wait, and :error:

- :input and :output The window is being used for input (output) and is not exposed, and its deexposed input (output) action is :notify. The default action makes a notification and waits.
- **input-wait** The window is being used for input, and the process is waiting because no input is available now. The default action adjusts the vertical position at which the next \*\*MORE\*\* happens.
- :error The window is being used for the debugger and is not exposed. The default action makes a notification and waits, or it gets another window if this one is too small.

# Creating and Recording Sounds

18.3 The Explorer system can create many different kinds of sounds. The beep function and method are a simple interface to the kinds of sounds created by the system with no additional equipment. You can also program sounds to be generated. If you add a microphone to the Explorer system, however, you can record and playback any sound.

All the sounds produced by the Explorer system are created by the sound chip on the Explorer System interface board. Technical details about the chip that generates these sounds are documented in the SYS:WINDOW;SOUND file.

Beeps

18.3.1 Beeps on the Explorer system are implemented by the :beep method on a window stream. There is also an easy-to-use beep function. The window system defines several varieties of sounds that can be used as beeps.

#### :beep &optional beep-type

Default: w:default-beep

Method of windows

Attempts to attract the user's attention by either making a sound or flashing the video display into and out of reverse video, or both. beep-type indicates why the beep is being done. For example, telnet:terminal-beep indicates that the VT100 memulator's beep is being done. beep-type can either be specified explicitly with the :beep message, or it can default to the value of the w:beep variable. The following are possible values for beep-type:

Action	
Does nothing—neither beeps nor flashes	
Flashes the video display but makes no sound	
Uses the value of widefault-beep	
Uses the value of w:default-beep and flashes	

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w:beep

Variable

The action taken by the :beep method. The w:beep variable can have any of the values described with the :beep method.

beep & optional (beep-type nil) (stream \*standard-output\*)

Function

Sends a :beep message to a window. If the window does not handle the :beep method, a beep sounds, regardless of what action is specified by the :beep method. beep-type can be an element of either w:\*beeping-functions\* or of w:\*beep-types\*.

w:flash-duration

Variable

Default: 100,000 microseconds

The interval in microseconds between a double complement of the video display.

# w:\*beeping-functions\*

Variable

All the available beeping functions. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

:shoop :flash :beep :warm-up :flying-saucer :beep-high :whoop :missile :beep-low :vt100-beep :bomb-drop :pip :zowie :races :chime :random-beep :doorbell

You can try the various beeps by executing the tv:sound-menu function. tv:sound-menu pops up a menu that lists the beeping functions. When you select one of the functions, the system sounds that beep.

# w:def-beep-function name function . args

Macro

Defines a new beeping function and adds it to w:\*beeping-functions\*. When (beep name) is called, the system calls function with args.

# w:remove-beep-function beep-function

Macro

Removes beep-function from the list in w:\*beeping-functions\*.

#### w:\*beep-types\*

Variable

All valid beep types. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

telnet:terminal-beep w:default-beep zwei:no-completion zwei:converse-problem zwei:converse-message-received

### w:def-beep-type beep-type sound-name

Macro

Defines a new beep type and adds it to w:\*beep-types\*. When (beep beep-type) is called, the system executes (beep sound-name). Thus, when you use the beep function within an application, you can make the call to beep using a parameter that describes why the system is beeping. sound-name must be a member of w:\*beeping-functions\*.

For example, the following code defines the doorbell beeping function as the Converse notification, then illustrates how that beep is called in code.

```
(w:def-beep-type 'zwei:converse-message-received :doorbell)
(beep 'zwei:converse-message-received)
```

# w:remove-beep-type beep-type

Macro

Removes beep-type from the list in w:\*beep-types\*.

# w:default-beep wavelength duration

Function

Sounds a single-tone beep. wavelength is in hertz; duration is in microseconds.

#### w:default-beep

Variable

The default beep that sounds when the w:beep variable is t or :beep. Its value can be any of the beeping functions.

# w:defsound name &body body

Macro

Defines a new sound so that executing (beep name) reproduces the sounds created in body. body is executed at macro expansion time so that when a file containing several w:defsound macros is loaded, the code to produce the file does not have to be loaded.

### Making Sounds

18.3.2 You can program the Explorer system to make a number of sounds. In general, to create sounds by programming, do the following:

- 1. Enable the sound chip. Typically, you surround the remaining code in a w:with-sound-enabled macro.
- 2. Set the volume of the sound chip to an audible level.
- 3. Issue commands to the sound chip to wait or to produce sounds.

In most cases, both steps 2 and 3 are accomplished by using a low-level sound function to create the command byte and then sending the command byte to the chip using the w:do-sound function. For example, the following code implements the whoop beep.

#### w:reset-sound

Function

Resets the sound chip so that, should the monitor lose synchronization over the fiber optic cable, the monitor does not create an annoying tone. In other words, w:reset-sound either enables or disables the creation of sound.

#### w:with-sound-enabled &body body

Macro

Executes body with sound enabled. This macro automatically executes w:reset-sound before and after it executes body.

# w:do-sound byte &optional (delay 0)

Function

Sends the command byte to the sound chip. This function does no error checking and returns nothing. byte is a single command byte, usually the result of w:noise, w:tone, w:volume, or w:wait. delay is the delay in milliseconds.

The following functions are low-level sound functions that return one or two command bytes suitable for passing to the sound chip via w:do-sound.

### w:noise noise-type hiss

**Function** 

Returns a single command byte to control the noise type and hiss created by the sound chip. Unlike the command bytes produced by other low-level sound functions, this command byte turns the volume off, so you must reset the volume after you execute this command.

noise-type can be either 0 (:periodic noise) or 1 (:white noise). hiss can be one of the following:

Value	Description	
0	Creates a higher frequency with the least coarse noise	
1	Creates a medium frequency	
$\overline{2}$	Creates a lower frequency, most coarse noise	
3 or :override	Causes register #2 (tone generator 3) to control the noise frequency	
5 of toverride		

### w:tone reg freq

**Function** 

Returns the command bytes needed to sound a tone of the specified frequency. freq is the frequency in hertz, which is clipped to the nearest frequency that can be produced. reg is an integer between 0 and 3, inclusive, that refers to one of the registers on the chip. Register 3 controls:noise.

# w:tone-frequency tone

Function

Given the results from *tone*, returns the frequency in hertz that *tone* produces. This is useful because the sound chip only accepts a limited range of values; using this function, you can determine the exact frequencies that the chip generates.

```
(w:tone-frequency (w:tone 1 500)) ==> 501
(w:tone-frequency (w:tone 1 1)) ==> 62
```

# w:volume reg volume

**Function** 

Returns a single command byte that controls the volume of the sound. reg can be an integer between 0 and 3 inclusive. Register 3 controls the noise (that is, has the value of :noise). volume can be an integer between 0 and 15 inclusive, with a value of 2 equal to :on and a value of 15 equal to :off.

w:on-volume Variable

The default volume level for the sound chip.

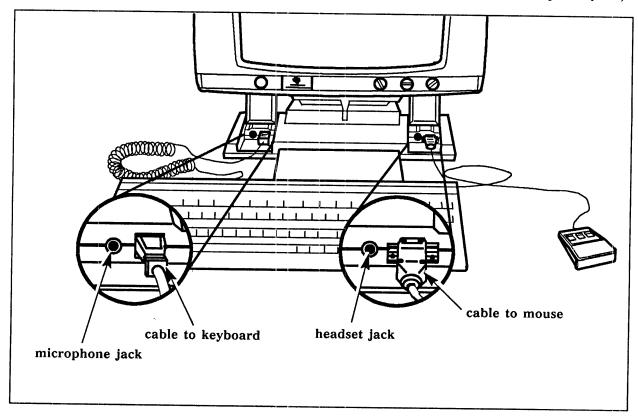
w:wait ms-time

**Function** 

Returns a single command byte that causes w:do-sound to wait ms-time milliseconds.

# Recording and Playing Sounds

18.3.3 You can record sounds with your Explorer system by installing a microphone. You should use a low-impedance microphone (150 ohm) with a standard 1/4-inch phone jack. Plug this microphone into the standard jack to the left of the monitor base, next to the cable to the keyboard. (Note that on a color system, the cable to the keyboard is left of the microphone jack.)



The functions that play record sounds access the analog-to-digital and the digital-to-analog converter chips on the SIB board rather than using the sound chips as beep does. The general interface to this feature is the w:rec function; there are functions that are analogous to each of the menu items offered by the w:rec function.

The following example shows how you would use the functions to save and replay a sample of speech.

- ;; Be sure the microphone is plugged into the Explorer microphone jack. ;; Hold down the r key, say "hello" into the microphone, then press END. (w:rec 'hello)
- ;; Play back the "hello" sound (w:play 'hello)

```
;; Saves the speech to disk
(w:save-speech "lm:me;hello" 'hello)

;; Define a beep-type for hello
(w:def-beep-function :hello w:play hello "lm:me;hello")

;; Play back the "hello" sound. If necessary, this function loads the speech
;; from the file "lm:me;hello.speech".
(beep :hello)

;; When a converse message is received, the system says "Hello".
(w:def-beep-type zwei:converse-message-received :hello)
```

w:rec &optional ref-symbol (loud t) (max-length-in-seconds 30)

Function

Presents a menu that enables the user to choose from :record, :play, :loop-back, :show, and exit.

ref-symbol is a user-specified symbol (usually a keyword) that you can use to reference the sound later. If loud is t, the system increases the sensitivity of the microphone. max-length-in-seconds specifies the maximum number of seconds to record and thus also specifies the size of the array needed to store the sound.

w:play &optional ref-symbol pathname

Function

Plays the speech in *ref-symbol*. If *ref-symbol* has no speech defined for it, this function loads the speech sample from *pathname* into *ref-symbol*.

If *ref-symbol* is **nil** and a pathname is defined, this function reads and plays the speech without placing the speech in virtual memory. This operation is useful for sounds that are played infrequently.

w:save-speech pathname &optional ref-symbol

Function

Saves a sample of speech in a file specified by pathname.

w:read-speech pathname &optional ref-symbol

Function

Restores a sample of speech from the file specified by pathname and saves it in ref-symbol. By default, ref-symbol is the filename in pathname. ref-symbol is interned in the current package.

w:rename-speech old-name new-name

Function

Renames a sample of speech from old-name to new-name.

w:copy-speech from-name to-name

**Function** 

Copies a sample of speech from from-name to to-name.

# Specific Types of Windows

18.4 The following flavors create special windows, including Lisp Listeners, Zmacs editor windows and frames, and various special-purpose windows.

# Lisp Listeners

18.4.1

# w:lisp-listener

Flavor

The flavor initially selected when the system starts up. w:lisp-listener creates a Lisp Listener window when you ask for a Lisp Listener window with any of the System menu commands.

# w:lisp-interactor

Flavor

Works exactly like a Lisp Listener, except that the SYSTEM L keystroke sequence cannot select this kind of window, nor can w:idle-lisp-listener return one.

# w:initial-lisp-listener

Variable

The Lisp Listener window that is selected when you boot the system.

# w:idle-lisp-listener & optional (screen w:default-screen) (size-not-important nil)

Function

Returns a Lisp Listener that is waiting for input at the top level and is the same size as the default screen. If no such window exists, then w:idle-lisp-listener creates the window. If size-not-important is t, w:idle-lisp-listener verifies that the size of the Lisp Listener and the inside size of screen are equal and creates a new Listener if the existing Listener is not the correct size.

#### w:listener-mixin-internal

Flavor

Sets the default for the window to run the Lisp top-level read-eval-print loop sys:lisp-top-level1; this allows the window to function as a Lisp Listener. That is, when you type a closing parenthesis, the window evaluates the expression within the enclosing parentheses. w:listener-mixin-internal contains w:process-mixin and is primarily responsible for making a Lisp Listener behave the way it does.

#### w:listener-mixin

Flavor

Inherits its entire definition from w:listener-mixin-internal. The only difference is that the SYSTEM L keystroke sequence is defined to look for windows of flavor w:listener-mixin, and not with the w:listener-mixin-internal flavor.

#### :package

Method of w:listener-mixin-internal

Retrieves the package being used by the read-eval-print loop; that is, the Lisp Listener reads data in, evaluates it, and prints out the results. (See the variable in the *Explorer Lisp Reference* manual for more information about the read-eval-print loop.) The returned value can be nil.

# :set-package package

Method of w:listener-mixin-internal

Sets the package being used by the read-eval-print loop. package can be either a package or a package name.

#### **Editor Windows**

18.4.2 A Zmacs frame is useful for providing the user with an opportunity to edit whatever he or she likes. It is sometimes useful for a program, for its own purposes, to offer the user specific text to edit. For example, both the bug report utility and the graphics editor offer the user text to edit based on the user's actions.

#### zwei:zmacs-frame

Flavor

The flavor of the window displayed when you press the SYSTEM E keystroke sequence. zwei:zmacs-frame has its own process and can select any Zmacs buffer. Editor-specific methods usually should not be invoked on this window; such operations should be left up to the window's own process. Requests to this process, which generally ask the process to select a buffer, are passed to it as blips of the following form:

(:execute zwei:edit-thing spec)

where *spec* is anything valid as the argument to the ed function that invokes the Zmacs editor.

#### zwei:standalone-editor-window

Flavor

Produces a window without panes that serves as an editor. This flavor has a minibuffer and a type-in window that pop up as its inferiors when they are needed. This window has no process of its own; you should use the :edit method in any process to perform editing in the window.

#### zwei:standalone-editor-frame

Flavor

Another kind of standalone editor window, but this window is a frame with a permanently visible mode line and type-in window or minibuffer, just as a Zmacs frame is.

:comtab comtab

Initialization Option of standalone editor windows

Default: zwei:\*standalone-comtab\*

Specifies the command table to use in editing in this frame. comtab is the Zmacs command table.

:edit

Method of standalone editor windows

Invokes the editor command loop on this window. Pressing the END key returns control to the caller.

Recall that an *interval* in a Zmacs buffer is the text between point and mark—for example, the text region that is marked for highlighting. This text typically is bound to a variable. For more information about Zmacs, see the *Explorer Zmacs Editor Reference* manual.

#### :interval-string

Method of editor windows

Returns a string giving the current text in the window.

:set-interval-string string

Method of editor windows

Sets the text in the window to the value specified by the string argument.

:interval

Method of editor windows

Returns the interval being edited in the window. If the window is a Zmacs frame, this window is the selected buffer. Standalone editor windows have their own nonshared intervals, which they edit. Many of the editor primitives that work on Zmacs buffers also work on these intervals.

:set-interval interval

Method of editor windows

Sets the interval that this window is displaying and editing to *interval*. On a Zmacs window, *interval* must be a Zmacs buffer; :set-interval actually tells the window to select the new buffer.

zwei:pop-up-standalone-editor-frame zwei:pop-up-standalone-editor-frame

Flavor Resource

&optional (superior w:mouse-sheet)

Produces a temporary window in the form produced by the zwei:standalone-editor-frame flavor. The resource is a resource of standalone windows and is used by the zwei:pop-up-edstring function.

zwei:pop-up-edstring string &optional (near-mode '(:mouse))

Function

mode-line-list min-width min-height initial-message (comtab zwei:\*standalone-comtab\*)

Produces a pop-up editor window containing a string to be edited.

Arguments:

string — The string popped up in an editor window so that the user can edit it. When the user presses the END key, the function returns a string containing whatever the user left in the editor buffer. If the user presses ABORT, the value is nil.

near-mode — How to position the window before popping it up. It is passed to w:expose-window-near. See the :expose-near method, described in paragraph 5.7.3, Symbols That Manipulate Screen Arrays and Exposure, for more details.

mode-line-list — A list of things to be displayed in the mode line. This argument can have more than one element, and the elements can be a combination of strings, symbols, lists, or lists starting with :right-flush:

- A string The string is displayed.
- A symbol and the symbol is non-nil The value of the symbol is printed. If the symbol is nil, nothing is printed for this element.
- A list The list is either of the form:

(atom strings-or-symbols-1)

or is of the form:

(atom strings-or-symbols-1 :else strings-or-symbols-2)

where:

atom is an atom to be evaluated.

strings-or-symbols-1 and strings-or-symbols-2 constitute a series of strings or symbols (or both) handled as described previously for strings or symbols. This element of the mode-line-list argument evaluates the atom first. If the atom is non-nil, then strings-or-symbols-1 is processed. If the atom is nil, the strings-or-symbols-1 is skipped and the strings-or-symbols-2 following the :else (if an :else exists) is processed.

A list starting with :right-flush — The second element of the list must be a string. The :right-flush keyword causes the string to be displayed flush against the right margin.

min-width, min-height — Pixel minimums for the size of the window. The window is larger than these minimums if string requires more space to display.

initial-message — If non-nil, is displayed in the type-in window immediately after the frame pops up.

comtab — The command table to be used for editing.

# zwei:temporary-mode-line-window-with-borders zwei:temporary-mode-line-window-with-borders-resource &optional (superior w:mouse-sheet)

Flavor Resource

The temporary mode line window in Zmacs that contains only a mode line and a minibuffer. The flavor allows for a program to request a small piece of input while allowing the user to edit with the Zmacs. The following function uses this resource.

# zwei:read-defaulted-pathname-near-window window prompt & optional (defaults zwei:pathname-defaults) special-type

Function

Pops up a temporary mode line window near a window. The window does not need to be an editor window. This function, as used in the constraint frame editor, appears similar to the following:

# WRITE TO BUFFER: (Default is Lima: WEBB; \*BUFFER-1\*.LISP#>) (Completion)

Arguments:

window — The window next to which the function pops up a temporary mode line. window can be any window on the screen, or :mouse, causing the mode line window to pop up near the mouse.

prompt — Specifies the mode line and lets the user edit text that (when the user presses the RETURN key) is parsed into a pathname using defaults and special-type. For example, a typical prompt is the text I-Search: that is displayed when a user requests an incremental search by pressing CTRL-S.

defaults — A string specifying defaults for the pathname. The default for this argument is the result returned by the zwei:pathname-defaults function.

special-type - A string specifying the file type for the pathname.

:call-mini-buffer-near-window window function &rest args

Method of

zwei:temporary-mode-line-window-with-borders

Pops up this minibuffer near another window, then uses a function to read the input and returns the value the function returns.

Arguments:

window - The window that this minibuffer pops up near.

function — An editor function that invokes the minibuffer using zwei:edit-in-mini-buffer. The first argument to function is a stream reading from the text the user edited.

args - A list of arguments passed to function as additional arguments.

# Window Flavors for Other Programs

18.4.3

#### supdup:telnet

Flavor

A self-contained Telnet window with its own pair of processes to transfer data to and from the network.

#### supdup:telnet-windows & optional (superior w:mouse-sheet)

Resource

A resource of Telnet windows for use by the telnet function when operating in the mode of substituting for another window.

#### w:pop-up-text-window

Flavor

w:pop-up-text-window &optional (superior w:mouse-sheet)

Resource

Similar to w:window, except that w:pop-up-text-window is a temporary window with shadow borders.

#### w:truncating-pop-up-text-window

Flavor

Similar to w:window except that w:truncating-pop-up-text-window is a temporary window that truncates lines of output.

## w:truncating-pop-up-text-window-with-reset w:pop-up-finger-window &optional (superior w:mouse-sheet)

Flavor Resource

Similar to w:pop-up-text-window but truncates lines and resets the associated process when deexposed. The TERM F keystroke sequence uses w:truncating-pop-up-text-window-with-reset windows for output; this flavor is useful for many similar applications.

#### The Who-Line

18.5 The who-line is the historic term for the screen that includes the mouse documentation window and the status line. It is located at the bottom of the main Explorer video display and shows the current status of the machine. The mouse documentation window displays documentation showing what operations mouse clicks can now invoke, based on the actual position of the mouse. The status line, the bottom line of the video display and of the wholine screen, displays the time, your login name, the current process package and process run state, and file or network server information.

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L: This line to top	LH: Continuous next line	L.2: Next page M: To fraction of buffer MH: Drag lines
	RH: Continuous previous line	R2: Previous page. Bump top or bottom for single line scrolling.
03/19/87 10:34:33AM	WEBB USER: Keyboa	ard + Lima: WEBB; IMAGE.XLD#3 0

The window system treats the who-line as a separate screen, preventing windows on the rest of the screen (called the main screen) from being moved or reshaped to overlap it. The mouse documentation window is displayed by a window of its own, as is each field of the status line.

# Window

Mouse Documentation 18.5.1 The documentation displayed by the mouse documentation window is obtained by sending the window under the mouse blinker a :who-linedocumentation-string message or is obtained from the w:who-line-mousegrabbed-documentation variable when the mouse is grabbed.

> The following functions manipulate the mouse documentation window. In addition to these functions, if you are running in a color environment, you can also set the foreground and background color of the mouse documentation window as described in paragraph 19.7, Profile Variables for Color.

## w:process-who-line-documentation-list who-sheet new-state

Function

Processes information for the mouse documentation window from new-state, a list of keyword-value pairs. This function can accept any keyword accepted by the :who-line-documentation-string method of windows described in paragraph 11.6, How Windows Handle the Mouse.

The exact appearance of the display depends on the number of lines in the mouse documentation window.

# w:number-of-who-line-documentation-lines

Variable

Default: 2.

The number of lines in the mouse documentation window.

#### w:set-number-of-who-line-documentation-lines

**Function** 

&optional (who-line-doc-lines 2)

(who-line-doc-font (list fonts:hl12b)) (who-vsp 3)

Changes the number of lines in the mouse documentation window. This involves setting the value of w:number-of-who-line-documentation-lines and redisplaying the mouse documentation window screen and the main screen. The total height of this window is limited to half the physical screen height.

Arguments:

who-line-doc-lines - The height, in lines, of the mouse documentation window.

who-line-doc-font — The fonts displayed in the mouse documentation window. who-line-doc-font can be a single font, a list of font names (which is put into the font map), or an array that is the new font map.

who-vsp — The vertical spacing, in pixels, between the lines in the mouse documentation window.

#### Status Line

18.5.2 The status line includes separate windows for the time, the current process, file streams, and servers. The following paragraphs describe the functions, methods, and variables that deal with the various windows in the status line. Also, if you are running in a color environment, you can change the foreground and background colors of the status line by using the Profile variables described in paragraph 19.7, Profile Variables for Color.

Time and Date 18.5.2.1

w:12-hour-clock-setup w:24-hour-clock-setup

Function Function

Changes the clock that appears in the status line to display time in the 12-hour mode followed by AM and PM or in the 24-hour mode, respectively.

; 12-hour-mode 06/10/86 06:36:01PM 24-hour-mode 06/10/86 18:36:01

#### Current Process

18.5.2.2 The package name and run state displayed in the status line describe only one process. They normally describe the process associated with the selected window, which is a different process if a new window is selected. However, the status line can be locked on a particular process, independent of the selected window.

#### w:who-line-process

Variable

Either the process that describes the mouse documentation window, or nil. This variable is used to display the process associated with the selected window. If this variable is nil, the process name to display in the status line is obtained by invoking the :process method on the selected window.

The user can set w:who-line-process using the TERM W keystroke sequence.

#### w:last-who-line-process

Variable

The process most recently described in the mouse documentation window, regardless of how that process was chosen. This variable may be nil if there was no process to describe (for example, if the mouse documentation window was supposed to describe the selected window, but there was no selected window or the window had no process).

#### w:who-line-clobbered

Function

Informs the who-line screen that it must redisplay everything.

# File Streams

18.5.2.3 The following paragraphs discuss recording open file streams for display.

When the mouse documentation window describes an open file, the name to display for it is obtained with the :string-for-wholine pathname method, described in the Explorer Input/Output Reference manual.

#### w:who-line-file-state-sheet

Variable

An instance of the flavor w:who-line-file-sheet that is the status of an open stream or active network server. (That is, this instance is the window, part of the status line, on which the file being read appears.) Typical values include File serving c9 and <- MH:WEBB;FOO.LISP#>. This variable can also display the idle time if there is no stream or server. For example, if no input has been read from the keyboard for the last hour and a half, the status line might read console idle 1 hour 30 minutes. The value of this variable is displayed in the status line.

This variable also maintains the lists of streams and servers that can be displayed. New streams and servers are reported to w:who-line-file-state-sheet by means of the methods discussed in the following descriptions.

w:who-line-file-sheet

Flavor

Supplies the methods that update the w:who-line-file-state-sheet variable, as follows.

:add-stream stream update-p

Method of w:who-line-file-sheet

Adds stream to the list of open I/O streams recorded by the file state sheet. If update-p is non-nil, the field in the status line is immediately updated.

:delete-stream stream

Method of w:who-line-file-sheet

Removes stream from the list of streams for the status line.

:delete-all-streams

Method of w:who-line-file-sheet

Clears the list of streams for the status line.

:open-streams

Method of w:who-line-file-sheet

Returns the list of streams recorded for the status line.

Servers 18.5.2.4 The following functions and methods deal with servers reported in the status line.

:servers

Method of w:who-line-file-sheet

Returns a list of all active servers.

:add-server conn contact-name process function

Method of w:who-line-file-sheet

Adds an entry to the list of active network servers recorded by the file state sheet.

Arguments:

conn — The network connection of this server

contact-name - The contact name to which conn responded

process - The process in which the server is running

function — A file server function

:delete-server conn

Method of w:who-line-file-sheet

Removes the entry for a connection from the list of servers for the status line. This happens automatically if the connection is broken or closed. *conn* is the network connection of this server.

:delete-all-servers

Method of w:who-line-file-sheet

Clears the list of servers for the status line.

:close-all-servers

Method of w:who-line-file-sheet w:close-all-servers &optional (reason "Closing all remote servers.") Function

> Closes the connections of all network servers. reason is a string that is the reason for closing the connections of all network servers. (See the Explorer Networking Reference manual for more information about network namespace servers.)

w:describe-servers

**Function** 

Prints descriptions of all active network servers. A sample output is as follows:

NOMAD serving HAL-9000 in KEYBOARD-PROCESS

The System Menu

18.6 This paragraph describes how to interface with and customize the System menu. The following figure shows the System menu.

USER AIDS:		ystem Menu	
Glossaru	PROGRAMS:	WINDOWS:	DEBUG TOOLS:
	Backup	Arrest	Flavor Inspector
New User	Converse	Bury	Inspector
Profile	Font Editor	Change Layouts	Hetwork
Suggestions	Hardcopy Menu	Create	Peek
VISIDOC	Lisp Listener	Edit Attributes	Trace
	Mail	Edit Screen	
	Namespace Editor	Kill	
	Telnet	Refresh	
	VI100 emulator	Reset	
	Zmacs Editor	Select	
		Split Screen	

The System menu is an instance of the w:dynamic-multicolumnmomentary-window-hacking-menu flavor, which means that its menu items are grouped by columns, and each column's items come from the value of a corresponding variable that is examined each time the menu is popped up in case more items have been added. This enables you to add items to the menu and control where they go.

w:add-to-system-menu-column column-type name form documentation &optional after

**Function** 

Adds a named item to a column of the System menu.

Arguments:

column-type - Which of the columns is to be changed. This can be one of :user-aids, :programs, :windows, or :debug.

name - The named item to be added.

form — What is executed if the user clicks on the item.

documentation - The mouse documentation string.

after — Can be one of the following:

Value	Description
A string	The item after which name is added.
t	name is added to the top of the menu.
nil	name is added to the bottom of the menu.
:sorted	name is added and then the entire column is sorted alphabetically.

#### w:delete-from-system-menu-column column-type name

Function

Deletes *name* from the specified *column* of the System menu. Leading and trailing blanks and alphabetic case are ignored when the arguments are matched with entries in the columns.

## w:\*system-menu-user-aids-column\*

Variable

A menu item list that forms the User Aids column of the System menu. By convention, the menu items are different window creation, selection, and editing commands.

# w:\*system-menu-programs-column\*

Variable

A menu item list that forms the Programs column of the System menu. By convention, the menu items are the most commonly-used programs. You can add entries to this list by using the w:add-to-system-menu-column function.

#### w:\*system-menu-edit-windows-column\*

Variable

A menu item list that forms the Windows column of the System menu. By convention, the menu items are different window creation, selection, and editing commands.

#### w:\*system-menu-debug-tools-column\*

Variable

A menu item list that forms the Debug Tools column of the System menu. By convention, the menu items are different tools for developers to use while debugging their programs.

By convention, this variable is used for operations on the window that the mouse was pointing to when the System menu was popped up. They are implemented with :window-op menu items. (See paragraph 14.2.1, Menu Items.)

#### w:default-window-types-item-list

Variable

A menu item list that is used by the System menu Create option and by Create in the screen editor when it is operating on a screen.

# w:add-window-type string flavor documentation

Function

Adds a new window type to the w:default-window-types-item-list variable. string is the string that appears in the System menu Create option; flavor is the flavor of the window to create; documentation is displayed in the mouse documentation window.

# Window Resources

18.7 A resource is a pool of interchangeable objects that are available to be used temporarily and then returned to the pool.

Resources whose objects are windows are often useful. For example, a resource of windows serves as the System menu; when you invoke the System menu, a window is allocated from the resource and returned to the resource's pool when it is deactivated.

You usually define a resource with **defresource**. However, if you are defining windows in the resource you should use the **w:defwindow-resource** macro. Allocating windows from resources, and returning them, is exactly like working with any other resources and is documented in the *Explorer Programming Concepts* manual.

All the symbols described as resources in this manual are defined in this way.

w:defwindow-resource name parameters &rest options

Macro

Defines a resource of windows.

Arguments: name — The name w:defwindow-resource gives this resource.

parameters — The parameters on which the object can depend. In addition, the window's superior is always defined. When you allocate a window from the resource, this parameter defaults to w:mouse-sheet.

options — A list of alternating keywords and values. Neither the keywords nor the values are evaluated at the time w:defwindow-resource is executed, but sometimes the value becomes part of an expression that is executed later (when a window is allocated from the resource).

The options argument can be :initial-copies, :constructor, :make-window, and :reusable-when:

- :initial-copies The number of windows to create in the resource when the resource is defined. The default is 1. The initial copies are made inferiors of w:default-screen. Creating an initial copy is simply a way of saving time the first time a window needs to be allocated from the resource.
- :constructor Whether to use the default creation function is not specified, w:defwindow-resource provides a default, which calls make-instance with arguments taken from the :make-window option. (defresource is described in detail in the Explorer Lisp Reference manual.)
- :make-window A list consisting of a flavor name followed by keyword arguments. This list is consed into a :make-window form to produce the constructor for the resource.
- :reusable-when Either :deexposed or :deactivated. If this keyword is not specified, then windows of the resource can be allocated to requesters if they have been explicitly returned to the pool and are not locked. The :deexposed keyword means that any window that is not exposed is considered to have been returned to the pool. The :deactivated keyword means that any window that is not active is considered to have been returned to the pool.

The following code creates a pop-up window similar in appearance to a Zmacs minibuffer:

```
;Resource of "fake" minibuffers
(defwindow-resource fake-minibuffer-window ()
:make-window (fake-minibuffer-window
:activate-p t)
:reusable-when :deactivated
:initial-copies 0)
```

#### w:window-resource-names

Variable

A list of the names of all window resources defined with w:defwindow-resource.

For example, a typical list is displayed as follows:

```
(meter::call-tree-inspector-resource gloss::gloss-pop-up-keystrokes-window
zwei::converse-simple-reply-window eh::debugger-frame w::inspect-frame-resource
zwei::suggestions-pop-up-standalone-editor-frame zwei::small-pop-up-standalone-editor-frame
zwei::suggestions-pop-up-notification-window w::pop-up-keystrokes-window
zwei:pop-up-standalone-editor-frame zwei::split-screen-menu zwei::background-typeout-windows
zwei::temporary-mode-line-window-with-borders-resource zwei::menu-command-menu
ucl::command-editor-window ucl::get-keystroke-window w::trace-pop-up-menu
w:temporary-choose-variable-values-window w:temporary-multiple-choice-window
w::screen-editor-menu w:split-screen-layout-window w::pop-up-text-window-without-more
w:pop-up-text-window w::screen-layout-menu w::split-screen-choose-values w::split-screen-menu
w::confirmation-window w::selectable-windows-menu w::window-type-menu w::system-menu
w::sequence-selection-multiple-menu w:momentary-multiple-menu
w:dynamic-multicolumn-momentary-menu w:momentary-menu w::pop-up-finger-window
w::pop-up-notification-window)
```

# **Finding Windows**

18.8 The system includes a function for finding a window whose name you know.

# find-window & optional (substring "")

Function

Finds a window whose name has *substring* in it and returns the flavor of the instance of the window. If more than one window matches *substring*, the function displays a menu that contains the possible matches.

Several other functions can be used to find the symbol associated with a window. These are briefly mentioned here, and they are described in detail in the *Explorer Tools and Utilities* manual. For all three of these functions, the value of :dont-print determines whether the function returns a list of the symbols found or whether the list is printed. A value of t causes the function to return the list; any other value causes the function to display the list.

# apropos-resource substring &key : predicate : dont-print

Function

Finds all the resources whose names contain *substring*. If :predicate is non-nil, it is a function to be called with a flavor-name as an argument; only flavors for which the predicate returns non-nil are returned.

# apropos-flavor substring &key :predicate :dont-print

Function

Finds all flavors whose names contain *substring*. If :predicate is non-nil, it is a function to be called with a flavor-name as an argument; only flavors for which the predicate returns non-nil are returned.

apropos-method substring flavor-instance &key :predicate :dont-print

Function

Finds all methods of a flavor whose names contain a substring. If :predicate is non-nil, it is a function to be called with a method name as an argument; only methods for which the predicate returns non-nil are returned.

# **USING COLOR**

#### Introduction

- 19.1 In place of the black-and-white monochrome monitor, you can use an optional high-resolution color monitor. Any code that runs on a monochrome system will also run on a color system. The following paragraphs discuss using color with the Explorer window system, including these topics:
- Requirements for coding in color
- How color works
- Initialization options and methods used with color
- Functions that manipulate the color map
- Color ALU functions
- Profile variables for color
- Color and texture in graphic output
- Printing a color screen on a monochrome printer
- Advanced, hardware-specific topics

# Coding Requirements for Color

19.2 Except in a few cases, an application developed for use with a monochrome monitor will run on a color system without modifications. Exceptions are discussed in Appendix B, Converting Applications to Color.

In standard configuration, two contrasting colors represent the "black and white" of the monochrome monitor. These colors are called the *foreground* and the *background* colors. Specifically, the foreground color is the color of text displayed in a window; background color is the color of the window areas that seem to appear behind the text, hence the name background. Thus, even when you are using a color monitor, you may still be using a black-and-white (that is, a two-color) environment rather than a full color environment.

If you need to determine whether a particular system is a color or a monochrome system, you can use the w:color-system-p macro. A similar function, w:get-display-type, provides more specific information about the type of monitor that is present on the system.

# w:color-system-p window-or-screen

Macro

Returns nil if window-or-screen is on a monochrome system; otherwise, the macro returns the type of system, for example:8-bit-color. For example, the following form returns nil if \*terminal-io\* is on monochrome system:

(w:color-system-p \*terminal-io\*)

Returns a keyword that describes the type of window specified by window-or-screen. Currently, this function returns one of the following values:

- monochrome for a monochrome window
- :8-bit-color for a color window

As different display types are developed, this function will return additional values.

Certain precautions must be taken in order for applications to work correctly on both monochrome and color systems. Note the following areas of caution:

- Specifying ALUs.
- Directly accessing the contents of screen or bit-save arrays. Do not assume these arrays are always 1-bit arrays because they will become 8-bit arrays on color systems.
- Forcing screen or bit-save arrays to be 1-bit arrays.
- Assuming arrays will be 1-bit arrays when displacing them to other arrays or physical addresses.
- Making use of color-specific instance variables for purposes other than those intended (for example, making use of these instance variables on monochrome systems).
- Accessing hardware directly on monochrome or color systems. Avoid bypassing of the window system functions.

# How Color Works on a Monitor

19.3 On a monochrome monitor, each picture element (pixel) can have only two values, either on or off. On a color system, each pixel can have one of 256 values, ranging from 0 to 255. Thus, a pixel is no longer just on or off, black or white, 0 or 1, but rather it is an integer with a range of values.

The color controller actually generates 24 bits of color information per 8-bit pixel to drive the color monitor. These 24 bits are composed of 8 bits for RED, 8 bits for GREEN, and 8 bits for BLUE.\* So, each of the three colors (R, G, and B) can take on one of 256 values, with 0 being completely off and 255 being full intensity. Thus, taken in all possible combinations, there are over 16 million possible colors.

Since each pixel can take on one of 256 possible values, each 8-bit pixel value is translated by the hardware into a 24-bit RGB value by indexing into a table called the Color Look-Up Table (LUT). Thus, up to 256 different colors can be displayed on the color monitor.

<sup>\*</sup> The RGB model for representing color is based on the three color photoreceptors in the human eye, which detect either red, green, or blue. The RGB model is *not* based on the three primary colors red, blue, and yellow as many people might expect.

Note that the color associated with an index may change as the contents of the LUT change. This index value is referred to as either the *pixel value* or the *logical color* of a pixel. The value generated by the LUT that corresponds to the *logical color* is the *physical color*.

# Foreground and Background Colors

19.3.1 For many operations such as writing text or drawing a simple line, only two colors are of interest: the foreground color and the background color. When the screen is cleared, all pixels are off (actually set to their background colors). When text appears, these pixels are on (set to their foreground colors). The following table lists the general operations in a monochrome environment and their equivalents in a color environment.

Operation in a Monochrome Environment	Equivalent Operation in a Color Environment	
Turn a pixel on	Set a pixel to the window's foreground color	
Turn a pixel off	Set a pixel to the window's background color	

Each window has its own foreground and background colors. In the simplest case, every window has the same foreground and background colors. You can change these colors using window accessor methods or by setting variables in the Profile utility. (Note that changing a Profile variable only changes the default values to be used when new windows are created and does not change the color of any existing window.) By default, any text or graphics are drawn using the window's foreground color. Thus, any application transferred from a monochrome system runs with black and white replaced by the window's current foreground and background color.

# LUTs and the Color Map

19.3.2 As the image stored in memory is transferred to the screen, the Explorer color system uses the values in the LUT to translate 8-bit pixel values into 24 bits of physical color information. The LUT is a single table in the hardware; it cannot be directly read from or written to by the software. Instead, the hardware contains two LUT buffers of its own that can be manipulated directly. The LUT is copied from an LUT buffer on command from the window system.

Although the hardware supports only two LUT buffers, there are no limits on the number of LUTs maintained by the software. Conceivably, each window could require a different set of color definitions to be loaded in the color LUT. Therefore, in a color environment, each window has a data structure called a *color map* associated with it. Although a programmer can read the contents of either buffer or change entries in the LUT (even load an entirely new table), a programmer should *always* work with a window's color map rather than with the LUT buffers.

When a window is created in a color environment, the window system assigns by default a pointer to the superior window's color map. This default action is important for some applications, particularly those applications that use constraint frames. Logically, the panes in a constraint frame share the same color map.

You can assign a specific color map when a window is created by using an initialization option. One option is to use a copy of the superior window's color map rather than use a pointer to it. This allows the application to alter the color map without those changes propagating through the window hierarchy and affecting other windows or applications.

You can change all or part of a window's color map by programming (using functions, methods) or by using the Color Map editor.

Whenever a window is exposed or selected, its color map is automatically loaded into one of the LUT buffers. The LUT is then loaded from the freshly updated buffer. So, as different windows are exposed or selected, the hardware is always using a copy of the exposed or selected window's color map. At the same time that color map is loaded into the LUT, values associated with it are placed where microcode can access them during various operations.

# Contents of the Color Map

19.3.3 A color map is a data structure (specifically, a defstruct) that contains, among other things, 256 locations for logical colors. When loaded in the LUT and accessed, they define the physical colors. Each window can have a separate color map, but many windows simply inherit a color map from a superior. The color map used by system-defined Explorer software is contained in the w:\*default-color-map\* variable. The colors are actually defined in the w:\*default-initial-colors\* variable, which contains the RGB values for each system color.

Specifically, the color map contains the elements described in Table 19-2:

Table 19-1 Elements in the Color Map defstruct			
Element Name	Default Value	Туре	Description
reserved-slots	0 through 31	list	A list of reserved colors, as explained in Table 19-2.
name	"NAME"	string	The name of this color map.
system-version	"Release-x"	string	The version of the Explorer system software that was running when this color map was created.
CME-version	"0.0"	string	The version of the Color Map editor that was running when this color map was created.
saturate	255	integer	The saturate value, used as an upper bound in certain ALU operations.
clamp	0	integer	The clamp value, used as a lower bound in certain ALU operations.
table	a pointer to an array	array	The pointer to the color table data structure.

#### color-map-xxx color-map-name

Function

Returns the value of element xxx of the color map color-map-name. Color maps are created by using either the w:make-color-map or the w:create-color-map functions.

For example, the following form returns the value of the name element of the color map called rainbow-map:

(color-map-name rainbow-map)

You can use setf to set the element values, for example:

(setf (color-map-name rainbow-map) "New Name")

#### **Reserved Colors**

19.3.4 The reserved colors are the first 32 slots in the color map table and are listed by index number in the reserved-slots part of the color map. All system software is defined to use only these reserved colors for such things as the default foreground and background colors of a window, border colors, highlighting colors, and so on. By confining the specialized colors you need for your application to the rest of the color map table, you can ensure that all your windows maintain a consistent appearance.

For example, suppose your application requires a set of pastel colors, some shades of brown, and several shades of green. Before your program exposes your application window, it could use the color map functions defined on the following pages to define the pastel colors in locations (for example) 40 through 64, the shades of brown in 70 through 90, and the shades of green in locations 200 to 215.

NOTE: Although you can modify any location in the color map table, it is recommended that you not alter the contents of any of the reserved slots unless absolutely necessary. You may create odd-looking displays when your color map table is loaded and the user is working with system-defined applications. For example, suppose the user is running your application which uses a set of colors that gradually change through the spectrum. If the user invokes the System menu, the System menu also uses the application's colors—which, because of the gradual shading, means that the System menu is now displayed as, say, a medium shade of blue on a very light shade of blue. The System menu will be virtually unreadable.

Also, if the user is running your application in a split screen with a system application, and your application has redefined the reserved colors, all the various applications change color each time the user selects a different application.

The reserved 32 slots, listed in Table 19-2, contain common named colors plus eight shades of gray for compatibility with the eight gray or stipple patterns in the monochrome environment.

#### **Naming Colors**

19.3.5 A color name is associated with a specific color index by the w:color-alist variable. All these indexes refer to reserved slots in the default color map table. If any of the reserved locations are modified, either under program control or through the Color Map editor, these names become meaningless (that is, the physical color no longer bears the same relationship to the color name).

The remaining locations of the color map table are loaded with values for a red color ramp, a green color ramp, and a blue color ramp. (A ramp is a smoothly varying sequence of colors. Each of the default ramps vary in intensity from very dark shades to very light shades of the same color.) The last location is loaded with black because it is the opposite of color 0, which is white. The order of the colors was chosen to give good contrast between the background colors and blinkers, since blinkers, by default, are set equal to the background color plus an offset of 9. The colors are actually defined by the value of the w:\*default-initial-colors\* variable.

If you want to associate a specific color name to appear in any menu that contains all the color names, add the color name and its index number to the association list in the w:color-alist variable. For example, the following code adds the color name dull-red to the list of displayed colors:

(setq w:color-alist (append w:color-alist '(("dull-red" . 95))))

**Table 19-2** 

Named Colors in the Default Color Map Table		
Index Number	Color Name	
0	w:white	
1	w:12%-gray-color	
2	w:25%-gray-color	
2 3 4 5	w:33%-gray-color	
4	w:50%-gray-color	
5	w:66%-gray-color	
6	w:75%-gray-color	
7 8	w:88%-gray-color	
8	w:black	
9	w:dark-green	
10	w:blue	
11	w:red	
12	w:orange	
13	w:purple	
14	w:pink	
15	w:cyan	
16	w:magenta	
17	w:yellow	
18	w:dark-blue	
19	w:green	
20	w:dark-brown	
21	w:blue-green	
22	w:light-brown	
23	w:red-purple	

#### NOTE:

Locations 24 through 31 are reserved for future use.

Initialization
Options and
Methods
Used With
Color Windows

19.4 The following initialization options and methods are all that most people need to manipulate color in windows on the Explorer system. Examples of how to specify color in menu items are given with other examples of menus in Section 14, Choice Facilities. If you want to set up your own color map, see paragraph 19.5, Functions That Manipulate the Color Map.

In addition to the following initialization options and methods, you can also set the foreground and background colors for a label by specifying those colors in a keyword-argument list as part of the label specification, as described in paragraph 3.4, Labels. An example of this specification is given at the end of this numbered paragraph.

If these initialization options are not specified when you create a window, the Explorer system uses the values in the w:\*default-background\* (initially w:12%-gray-color) and in the w:\*default-foreground\* (initially w:black) variables. These variables are Profile variables and can be set by the user.

:background-color value

:background-color :set-background-color value sheet-or-window Initialization Option of windows Method of windows Method of windows

Initializes the w:background-color instance variable of the w:sheet flavor for sheet-or-window.

For example, the following forms return and set, respectively, the background color of the window named my-window:

; Assumes my-window has already been created. (format my-window "The screen background color is ~D" (send my-window :background-color))

(send my-window :set-background-color w:dark-green)

:foreground-color value :foreground-color :set-foreground-color value sheet-or-window Initialization Option of windows

Method of windows

Method of windows

Initializes the w:foreground-color instance variable of the w:sheet flavor for sheet-or-window.

For example, the following forms return and set, respectively, the foreground color of the window named my-window.

; Assumes my-window has already been created.

(format my-window "The screen foreground color is ~D"

(send my-window :foreground-color))

(send my-window :set-foreground-color w:red)

#### :complement-bow-mode

Method of windows

Transposes the values of the foreground and background colors in the window. This method has no effect on a monochrome system because monochrome systems do not use foreground and background colors. Note that the **w:complement-bow-mode** function can be used only in a monochrome system.

:blinker-offset value :blinker-offset :set-blinker-offset value

Initialization Option of blinkers

Method of blinkers

Method of blinkers

Initializes the w:blinker-offset instance variable of the w:blinkers-mixin flavor. The blinker offset is the value added to the value of the color on the screen to produce the color of the blinker. To erase the blinker (that is, to make it blink), the Explorer system subtracts the value of w:blinker-offset from the color of the blinker, which produces a blinker that is invisible or that has blinked off. By default, w:blinker-offset is 9.

:border-color value :border-color :set-border-color value Initialization Option of w:borders-mixin
Method of w:borders-mixin
Method of w:borders-mixin

Initializes the w:border-color instance variable of the w:borders-mixin flavor for *sheet-or-window*. The border of the window is displayed in the color specified by *value*. Most windows include w:borders-mixin as a component flavor.

:label-color value :label-color :set-label-color value

Initialization Option of w:label-mixin

Method of w:label-mixin

Method of w:label-mixin

Initializes the w:label-color instance variable of the w:label-mixin flavor for sheet-or-window. The label of the window is displayed in the color specified by value. Most windows include w:label-mixin as a component flavor.

:label-background value :label-background :set-label-background value

Initialization Option of w:label-mixin

Method of w:label-mixin

Method of w:label-mixin

Initializes the w:label-background instance variable of the w:label-mixin flavor for *sheet-or-window*. The background of the label of the window is displayed in the color specified by *value*. Most windows include w:label-mixin as a component flavor.

The following code shows how to create a window using these initialization options.

# Functions That Manipulate the Color Map

19.5 The various color map functions provide tools for the programmer to create and modify color maps, to load color maps into the hardware buffers, and to copy the contents of the hardware buffers into a color map structure.

The following example uses several of the functions that manipulate the color map. The example creates a color map called Rainbow by using the w:make-color-map function, writes the color map, and then displays a window with a rainbow circle.

```
(defun make-rainbow ()
   (let ((raw-map (w:make-color-map))
        (fill-colors raw-map); Create the rainbow colors
        (setf (tv:color-map-name raw-map) "Rainbow") ; Change the name
   )
(defun fill-colors (color-map &optional (function #'merge-colors-1))
  "This uses the function merge-colors to fill the color-map"
    (loop for list in (funcall function)
        for index from 1. to 254.
        doing (apply #'w:write-color-map color-map
                index list)
        finally (w:write-color-map color-map 0. 0. 0. 0.)
        (w:write-color-map color-map 255. 255. 255. 255.))
(defun merge-colors-1 ()
  "This provides a fairly uniform rainbow from 1 through 254, with
black at 0 and white at 255."
    (append (loop for iloop from 1. to 21 ;; pink to red = 21
           collecting (list 252.
                            (- 126. (* iloop 6.))
                            (- 126. (* iloop 6.))))
        (loop for iloop from 1. to 42. ;; red to orange = 63
            collecting (list 252.
                            (round (* iloop 4))
                           0.))
        (loop for iloop from 1. to 42.;; orange to yellow = 105
            collecting (list 252.
                            (+ 168. (round (* iloop 2)))
                            0.))
        (loop for iloop from 1. to 36.;; yellow to green = 141
            collecting (list (round (- 252. (* iloop 7.)))
                            252.
                            0.))
        (loop for iloop from 1. to 36.;; green to blue = 177
            collecting (list 0.
                            (round (- 252. (* iloop 7.)))
                            (* iloop 7.)))
        (loop for iloop from 1. to 36.;;blue to violet = 213
            collecting (list (round (* iloop 7.))
                            ο.
                            252.))
        (loop for iloop from 1. to 42.;; violet to white = 255
            collecting (list 252.
                            (round (* iloop 6.))
                            252.))
        )
    )
;;; This function saves the old color map, loads a new one, and then creates a
;;; rainbow circle.
 (defun demo-rainbow (window)
     (let ((old (w:copy-color-map (send window :color-map)))
             (new (make-rainbow))
                                                    ; sets the color map
         (send window :set-color-map new)
         ; When a window is selected, its color map is loaded into the hardware LUT
         (send window :select)
         (dotimes (i 255) (send window :draw-filled-circle
                                500 400 (- 265 i) +1))
         (dotimes (i 512) (send window :draw-filled-circle
                                 500 400 265 1 w:alu-add))
```

```
(send window :set-color-map old) ; restores the old color map (send window :select)
)
);;; Enter the following form in a Lisp Listener to execute the example:
(demo-rainbow *terminal-io*)
```

#### General Functions

19.5.1 The following functions manipulate the color map for any type of hardware.

w:sheet-color-map sheet-or-window:color-map

Function Method of windows

Returns the color map for sheet-or-window.

For example, the following returns the color map for the \*terminal-io\* stream.

```
(w:sheet-color-map *terminal-io*)
```

:set-color-map new-map &optional (inherit nil)

Method of w:sheet

Sets the color map of the window to the new color map. If *inherit* is t, this method forces inferiors to point to the same color map, unless the inferior had its own copy originally.

# w:make-color-map

**Function** 

Allocates the color map structure but does not initialize it.

#### w:create-color-map &optional init-plist

**Function** 

Calls w:make-color-map, then initializes the color map table either to defaults or to values supplied in the *init-plist* argument. *init-plist* is a list of keyword-value pairs. Allowable keywords include any of the slot names of a color map structure except for table. The arguments for each of these keywords are the contents of the color map structure. To assign colors to the color map, use the :initial-colors keyword which takes a list as an argument. This list is composed of sublists of the form:

(index-number red-value green-value blue-value)

where each of these elements is an integer between 0 and 255. The *index-number* argument is the number of the slot in the color map table. The other values represent the red, green, and blue values for the color in the *index-number* slot.

For example, the following code creates a list of colors in x and then creates a color map named special that is accessed through z.

# w:copy-color-map source-color-map

**Function** 

Returns a color map that is an exact copy of the source color map, including contents.

#### w:read-color-map color-map index

Function

Returns the values of red, green, and blue for *color-map* at the specified *index*. *index* can be an integer from 0 through 255, inclusive.

# w:write-color-map color-map index red green blue

Function

Writes the red, green, and blue values into the location specified by index of color-map. index can be an integer from 0 through 255, inclusive.

For example, the following code changes the color in index position 33 of the color map table named special (created in the previous example) to white, which has RGB values of (0 0 0).

```
(w:write-color-map z 33 0 0 0)
```

#### w:write-color-map-file color-map

Function

**Function** 

Saves the color map specified by *color-map* to a file that defaults to LM:COLOR-MAPS; *name-of-map*.XLD. When you are prompted for the name of the color map, the symbol is set to the color map and the name element of the map is set to the symbol (a string).

NOTE: This function is available only if the Color Map editor software is loaded. Refer to the Color Map Editor section in the *Explorer Tools and Utilities* manual.

# w:select-color-with-mouse &optional (color-map w:\*default-color-map\*)

Displays 256 rectangles in the colors of the *color-map*. When you click on any of the rectangles, the function returns the index value of that color in the color map. During the execution of this function, *color-map* becomes the active color map. The following example allows you to select a color from the default color map:

```
(defun choose-a-color ()
  (let ((my-color (w:select-color-with-mouse)))
     (send w:selected-window :draw-filled-arc 500 500 400 400 360
        my-color))
)
```

# Hardware-Specific Functions

19.5.2 The following functions manipulate the color map for only hardware supported by the current release.

CAUTION: These functions may change incompatibly without notice. DO NOT use these functions unless absolutely necessary. Instead, use the functions listed in the preceding paragraph, titled General Functions. DO NOT redefine these functions; to do so may cause your system to crash.

# w:download-color-lut-buffer color-map &optional buffer

Function

Loads the color map table specified by *color-map* into the LUT buffer specified by *buffer*. The value of *buffer* can be either 0 or 1. If *buffer* is the current buffer, the w:transfer-color-lut-buffer function is executed automatically.

# w:get-color-lut-buffer color-map &optional buffer

Function

Copies the color LUT buffer specified by buffer into the color map table specified by color-map. The value of buffer can be either 0 or 1.

#### w:transfer-color-lut-buffer &optional buffer

Function

Transfers the LUT buffer specified by buffer to the LUT. The value of buffer can be either 0 or 1.

#### w:current-color-lut-buffer

Function

Returns the number of the buffer that was last transferred to the LUT.

# w:read-color-lut-buffer index &optional buffer

Function

Returns three values: the red, green, and blue values for the specified LUT buffer at the specified *index*. The value of *index* can be an integer from 0 through 255, inclusive. The value of *buffer* can be either 0 or 1.

#### w:write-color-lut-buffer index red green blue &optional buffer

Function

Writes the red, green, and blue values into the location of the specified color LUT buffer at the specified index. The value of buffer can be either 0 or 1. index can be an integer from 0 through 255, inclusive.

# Color ALU Functions

- 19.6 To better understand the capabilities provided by the color Explorer, specifically the new ALU operations, a good knowledge of how drawing operations work on an Explorer is necessary. The following lists several ways in which drawing can occur on the Explorer screen:
- Character and string output methods and functions
- Graphics (lines, circles, and so on) output methods and functions
- Image transfer functions (for example, bitblt)

In all cases, drawing operations make use of a *source* pattern (array) and a *destination* array. In some operations the source is specified explicitly (bitblt), in some the source is specified implicitly (:draw-line), and in others the source is specified indirectly (:draw-character).

When drawing a character, a source pattern containing 0s and 1s is used. On a monochrome system, pixels are either on or off, thus only the 1s and 0s are needed. On a color system, in order to allow characters to appear in color, a foreground color (described later) and a background color must be used. In the most general case, 1s in the source are drawn in the foreground color, and the 0s are drawn in the background color.

When drawing graphics (a circle, line, rectangle, and so on), a 1-bit source pattern is used by the microcode. On a monochrome system, the source pattern can contain 1s and 0s in order to simulate some gray shade. On a color system, the source pattern contains all 1s because a foreground color is used for each pixel. Again, in the most general case, 1s are drawn in the foreground color.

In either of these examples, the results (destination) are affected by the ALU operation specified.

On color systems, the concept of using foreground and background colors when drawing 1-bit source patterns is called color expansion. Expansion is used when the source pattern is a 1-bit array and the destination array is an 8-bit array. On color systems, you can think of the display screen as being a 8-bit array. Expansion is needed so that color will appear on the screen even though 1-bit source patterns are being used. The 1s in the source pattern are expanded to the foreground color, and 0s are expanded to the background color.

On both monochrome and color systems, ALUs are used to determine how to combine the source and the destination. Additional ALUs have been added for color systems. In all cases, when a 1-bit source and a 8-bit destination are being used, the source is expanded before the ALU operation is applied. The additional color ALUs are described in the following paragraphs. An important point to understand is that the color ALUs produce the same results as the standard boolean ALUs when used on monochrome systems. However, certain boolean ALUs do not produce the desired effect when used on color systems. For example, the add-color ALU produces the same effect as exclusive-or (w:alu-xor) when used on a monochrome system. However, w:alu-xor does not produce a predictable effect on color systems. Instead, unexpected colors appear when using w:alu-xor on color systems. Thus, to ensure an application works correctly on both monochrome and color systems, color ALUs should be used whenever possible.

The color ALU operations combine the (color) value of the pixel already drawn on the window (destination) with the (color) value of the pixel to be drawn (source). In general, color ALU operations take the two color values, apply an ALU operation to them, then use the resulting value as an index to the color map table. Thus, in a color environment, the same values combined using the same ALUs will produce different colors according to the color map.

The default generic ALUs are defined the same in both monochrome and color environments. Specifically, w:char-aluf uses w:alu-transp, and w:erase-aluf uses w:alu-back. Thus, in a color environment, anything drawn on the window using the general ALU arguments writes in the foreground color and erases to the background color. If an existing application uses the generic ALUs, in most cases you need not update them. However, if an existing application uses w:alu-xor to draw output to the window, you should use a color ALU function while running in a color environment. Any new code you write should use the new color ALU functions even if it is to run on the monochrome system.

Color ALU operations are add, subtract, max, min, add with saturation, subtract with clamping, transparency, and background. Each of these operations is described in detail in the following pages and are summarized in Table 19-3.

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# Add and Subtract

19.6.1 The add and subtract color ALUs are straightforward operations performed modulo 256. That is, if a pixel's current value is 254 and a value of 4 is added, the result is 254 + 4 = 258. However, 258 is greater than the largest available value, so the result is 258 - 256 = 2. You can also think of the addition as wrapping around to the front of the table. Similarly, a value of 3 minus a value of 7 yields a pixel value of 252.

The color associated with these values depends on the colors in the color map table. For example, if the color map table contains shades of blue from 240 through 255 and shades of gray from 0 through 7, then—using the 254 + 4 = 258 example from the previous paragraph—the color of the pixel changes from 254 (a shade of blue) to 4 (a shade of gray).

One system application for the add and subtract ALUs is for drawing blinkers. In a monochrome environment, blinkers are drawn on the screen using XOR and then removed using a second XOR. For the color environment, the blinker is added to make it appear and subtracted to make it disappear. The wraparound feature is important because adding an offset of, say, 9, to a color 255, must still yield a valid color. In addition, the value must return to 255 when 9 is subtracted from the new value so that the contents of the screen are restored correctly.

For example, the following code continually changes color until aborted.

# Add With Saturate and Subtract With Clamping

19.6.2 For some applications, you do not want the colors to wrap around the color map table. For example, suppose you want to use one of the shades of green that are contained between 33 and 55; color 56 starts the shades of, say, red. To ensure that the values stayed within the range of green shades, you would set the clamping value to 33 and the saturation value to 55. Then, 40 + 10 yields 50, which is in the range of allowed values. However, 40 + 20 yields 55 because the result cannot exceed the saturation value. Similarly, 40 - 5 yields 35, but 40 - 10 yields 33.

The saturation and clamping values are set for each color map and can be changed using the setf function, as described in paragraph 19.3.3, Contents of the Color Map.

# Minimum, Maximum, and Average

19.6.3 The minimum, maximum, and average operations are straightforward arithmetic operations. In the averaging operation, any fractions are truncated. For example, (max 20 30) yields 30; (min 20 30) yields 20; (average 20 30) = (20 + 30)/2 = 25; and (average 2 3) = (2 + 3)/2 = 2.

Of course, the results of these operations make sense only if the color map table is properly prepared.

# **Background** and **Transparency**

19.6.4 The background ALU operation forces the destination pixel to the window's current background color regardless of the value of the source or destination pixel value.

With the transparency ALU, output is drawn on a window so that existing colors seem to show through a pattern (such as text) that is being drawn on the display. Each pattern is composed of on and/or off bits. When drawn to the screen in a color environment, in general, on bits result in pixels being set to the foreground color and off bits leave current pixels unchanged. With a pattern such as text, the system should do nothing with the off bits. Thus, existing screen contents show through the pattern, and the gaps in the pattern itself appear transparent.

The rules of transparency (for w:char-aluf, w:combine, and w:alu-transp) are as follows. (Note these rules apply only to color systems.)

- 1. If the source is 1-bit (as in drawing text, graphics, or 1-bit patterns) and the destination is 8-bit (as is the display screen), source values of 0 (zero) are ignored (leaving the destination as is), and source values of 1 are translated to the foreground color and written to the destination. The concept of translating a 1-bit source into an 8-bit value (destination) is referred to as *expansion*.
- 2. If the source is 8-bit (as in 8-bit texture patterns), and the destination is 8-bit, source values (colors) equal to the background (transparency) color are ignored, leaving the destination as is. If the source value does not equal the destination, the source is written to the destination.

**NOTE:** If the source is 1-bit and the destination is 1-bit, transparency has no effect. What actually happens is an inclusive-or (w:alu-ior).

Also note that it is invalid to have an 8-bit source and a 1-bit destination.

Table 19-3 Colo	r ALU Operations
Operation	Description
w:alu-add	The source and destination are added, and the result is allowed to wrap around modulo 255.
w:alu-adds	The result is the smaller of the saturation value or the sum of the source and destination.
w:alu-avg	The source and destination are averaged. Any fractions are truncated.
w:alu-back	The result is the background color regardless of the value of the source or destination.
w:alu-max	The result is the larger of the source or destination.
w:alu-min	The result is the smaller of the source or destination.
w:alu-sub	The source and destination are subtracted, and the result is allowed to wrap around 0.
w:alu-subc	The result is the larger of the clamp value or the difference between the source and destination.
w:alu-transp	The result combines the source and destination according to the rules of transparency.

# Color Versus Monochrome ALU Functions

19.6.5 Any new code you write should use the new color ALU functions because, when the code is run on a monochrome system, the ALU functions produce suitable results equivalent to the old monochrome ALU functions. The mappings are shown in Table 19-4, and the equivalent truth tables are shown in Table 19-5. Note that some monochrome ALU functions do not have equivalent color ALU functions.

**Table 19-4** 

Color ALU Function	Equivalent Monochrome ALU Function		
w:alu-add	w:alu-xor		
w:alu-adds	w:alu-ior		
w:alu-avg	w:alu-ior		
w:alu-back*	w:alu-andca		
w:alu-max	w:alu-ior		
w:alu-min	w:alu-and		
w:alu-sub	w:alu-xor		
w:alu-subc	w:alu-andca		
w:alu-transp*	w:alu-ior		

# Note:

<sup>\*</sup> It is highly recommended that you use the w:erase-aluf instance variable (preferably) or w:erase instead of w:alu-back and that you use the w:charaluf instance variable (preferably) or w:combine instead of w:alu-transp because this will help to remain compatible with future Explorer systems.

**Table 19-5** 

# Truth Tables for Color ALU Functions on Monochrome Displays

— In Source	put —— Screen	min and	Results adds transp max ior	add sub xor	subc andca	*
0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	1	0	1	1	0	
1	0	0	1	1	1	
1	1	1	1	0	0	

- \* 8-bit color ALU functions on a monochrome (1-bit) system
  \*\* monochrome ALU functions

# Profile Variables for Color

19.7 Table 19-6 lists the Profile variables that can be set using the Color Display option of the Profile utility. Each of these variables except w:\*default-blinker-offset\* takes a color as its value. A color can be either an integer in the range 0 through 255, or the name of a color such as w:blue. The w:\*default-blinker-offset\* variable takes an integer that is added to the foreground color of the window to produce the color of the blinker.

Table 19-6 Profile Variables for Color		
Variable	Default Value	Description
w:*default-foreground*	w:black	Default foreground color for the window.
w:*default-background*	w:12%-gray-color	Default background color for the window.
w:*default-border-color*	w:black	Default color for the border of the window.
w:*default-menu-foreground*	w:black	Default foreground color for menus.
w:*default-menu-background*	w:25%-gray-color	Default background color for menus.
w:*default-menu-label-foreground*	w:white	Default foreground color for the labels of menus.
w:*default-menu-label-background*	w:50%-gray-color	Default background color for the labels of menus.
w:*default-documentation-foreground*	w:black	Default foreground color for the mouse documentation window.
w:*default-documentation-background*	w:33%-gray-color	Default background color for the mouse documentation window.
w:*default-status-foreground*	w:12%-gray-color	Default foreground color for the windows in the status line.
w:*default-status-background*	w:black	Default background color for the windows in the status line.
w:*default-scroll-bar-color*	w:50%-gray-color	Default color for the shaded area of scroll bars.
w:*default-blinker-offset*	9	Default value added to the colors appearing on the screen to produce a contrasting blinker.
w:*default-label-background*	w:25%-gray-color	Default background color for

w:black

w:\*default-label-foreground\*

labels.

labels.

Default foreground color for

# Color and Texture in Graphic Output

19.8 The w:graphics-mixin methods for drawing have an argument named color as well as an argument named texture. The color argument is an integer pixel value which, in a color environment, represents an index into a color map table. In a monochrome environment, this integer is mapped to a texture, or stipple, pattern that represents a shade of gray.

The optional *texture* argument applies to both a color and a monochrome environment. If *texture* is applied in a color environment, the texture is drawn in the color specified. If *texture* is applied in a monochrome environment, the *texture* argument specifies the texture of the output, and the *color* argument is ignored.

The value of *texture* is an array suitable for **bitblt**ing to the screen. The type of array determines how the texture appears:

- If the array is a one-bit array, it is expanded using the foreground and background colors of the window.
- If the array is an eight-bit array, each eight-bit element of the array is treated as a color, and the *color* argument itself is ignored.

In both cases, the resultant appearance on the screen is a produced by a combination of the contents of the texture array, current pixel values, and the specified ALU operation.

The Explorer system provides a set of system-defined 1-bit textures in the w:\*textures\* variable.

#### w:\*textures\*

Variable

An array of the system-defined texture patterns. You can view the choices using the w:select-texture-with-mouse function.

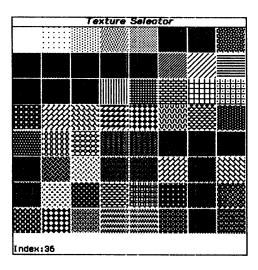
# w:select-texture-with-mouse &optional (color w:black)

Function

Displays the various system-defined textures in the color specified by color. Use the mouse to select a texture, and the function returns an integer that is the index value from the w:\*textures\* array. NO TAG shows a typical display from this function.

Figure 19-1

# Produced by w:select-texture-with-mouse



For example, the following code, when evaluated in the Lisp Listener, allows you to select a texture for a filled rectangle:

Alternatively, instead of invoking the textures displayed with w:select-texture-with-mouse, you can specify a particular texture by using the index, a number from 0 through 63, as follows:

```
(aref w:*textures* 43)
```

You can also use any of the shades of gray used on a monochrome monitor by using their names. These shades of gray are listed in Table 12-9. Note that these shades of gray, while similar to the textures displayed by w:select-texture-with-mouse, are not identical. Also note that a variable with a name such as w:88%-gray points to an array; a variable with a name such as w:88%-gray-color contains an integer that is an index value from a color map table.

For example, the following code, when evaluated in the Lisp Listener, produces a filled circle that includes a texture:

```
(send w:selected-window
    :draw-filled-arc 500 500
                                         ; center of the arc
                         400 400
                                           starting point
                         360
                                           degrees of arc
                         w:red
                                           initial color
                         w:alu-transp
                                           alu function
                         29
                                           number of points on edge
                                           draw the edge
                         w:88%-gray)
                                         ; texture pattern
```

You may also specify your own texture. For example, the following code creates and fills an eight-bit array. The last form draws a rectangle on \*terminal-io\* using that array.

# Printing a Color Screen on a Monochrome Printer

19.9 If your color screens contain only foreground and background colors, printing color screens to monochrome printers presents no problem at all. In this case, each pixel in the foreground color is translated to black (value of 1), and each background color pixel is translated to white (value of 0). However, usually your screen contains more than just foreground and background colors. A translation is necessary to represent the remaining colors.

On a color screen, each pixel is represented by a byte value, while a dot on a monochrome printer can have only a one-bit value. Because of this disparity, the most efficient solution for printing is to translate groups of color pixels (color patterns) into various gray patterns. This kind of translation results in a certain amount of contrast reduction (or data compression).

For example, if you display 100 different colors in a 10x10 color pixel array, it is impossible to contrast 100 different gray shades in a 10x10 monochrome array. Most gray shades require a 4x4 bit area to make their pattern noticeable. Therefore, a color-to-monochrome translation works best when there are about 16 pixels of the same color grouped together. Depending on your application, this grouping may be a problem; however, for most cases, the default contrast is enough to be apparent.

Another problem is that there are not nearly enough gray shades in the default system to provide a one-to-one mapping for each of the possible 256 currently displayable colors. Therefore, several colors map to the same gray shade. You can adjust for this problem in two ways:

- Create more gray patterns and enter them into the **printer:color-to-gray-scale-table** variable. (Refer to the **w:make-gray** function in paragraph 12.4.2, Bit Block Transferring, for information on creating gray patterns).
- Modify the entries in the **printer:color-to-gray-scale-table** variable to ensure that the colors you care about do not map to the same gray shade.

If your application needs to make a color-to-monochrome translation, or if you merely want to modify the existing algorithm, the following variable and functions are helpful.

# printer:color-to-gray-scale-table

Variable

An array of length 256. The print screen utilities index into this array with a color value to find the appropriate gray shade to use for the color. This table is initialized with 9 gray patterns with specific mappings for the 24 named colors; for other colors, the 9 gray patterns repeat to fill the array. Table 19-7 lists the gray patterns and which colors are mapped to them. If you plan to use several colors and expect to use monochrome screen dumps, you should choose the colors carefully so they contrast on both the screen and the hard copy.

Notice that in the default case, the **printer:translate-color-array** function does not access this table for foreground and background colors because they are immediately translated to ones and zeros, respectively.

**Table 19-7** 

Gray Patterns Used	for Printing the Named Colors		
Gray Pattern	Colors Printed With That Pattern		
w:white w:12%-gray-color w:25%-gray-color w:33%-gray-color w:50%-gray-color w:66%-gray-color w:75%-gray-color w:88%-gray-color w:black	w:cyan, w:yellow w:pink, w:magenta w:red-purple w:red, w:green w:blue, w:orange w:purple, w:light-brown w:dark-green, w:blue-green w:dark-blue, w:dark-brown		

# printer:get-gray-scale-value x y gray-scale

Function

Returns a 1 or 0 depending on whether the monochrome value at this location should be set at location x,y according to gray-scale. The x and y values should be nonnegative integers, and gray-scale should be a gray-scale array as defined by the function  $\mathbf{w}$ :  $\mathbf{make}$ - $\mathbf{gray}$ . The x and y coordinates are converted by using modulo arithmetic to indices into the gray-scale array.

# printer:translate-color-array color-array monochrome-array Function & optional foreground-color background-color color-start-x color-start-y monochrome-start-x monochrome-start-y color-end-x color-end-y

Translates the pixel values from color-array to bit values stored in monochrome-array. Every element in color-array should be a number from 0 to 255. For each location in color-array that is eql to foreground-color, the corresponding location in the monochrome-array is set to 1, while background-color locations are set to 0. The defaults for foreground-color and background-color are w:\*default-foreground\* and w:\*default-background\*, respectively. Color values that are neither foreground nor background translate to the following:

 The color-start-x, monochrome-start-x, color-start-y, and monochrome-start-y arguments indicate where the first elements are read from or written to for their respective arrays. The default value for each of these arguments is 0. The color-end-x and color-end-y values indicate the limits in the x and y directions for the translation relative to color-array. The default for these values is the respective dimension limit in color-array. The specified portion of the monochrome-array must be large enough to contain the translated values of the specified portion of color-array.

# Plane Masks

19.10 A plane mask is a feature of the color window system that is typically used for only highly specialized applications. The screen array for a color window can be thought of as a three-dimensional array that is eight bits deep and as wide and high as the monitor screen. (In the case of the Explorer color monitor, this is  $1048 \times 808$  pixels.) The depth of the array can be considered as a single array of eight-bit values, or as eight planes of information, each one-bit thick.

The plane mask is an eight-bit value that acts as a mask, specifying which plane(s) can be modified by any drawing operations. For example, if the plane mask is hexadecimal BF, then all planes except plane 6 can be written to. Each window has its own plane mask specified as an instance variable of w:sheet.

CAUTION: These methods are hardware-specific and the exact format could change in future software releases.

:plane-mask register-block :set-plane-mask value register-block Method of windows Method of windows

Returns or sets, respectively, the hardware plane mask. The *value* argument is the new value of the plane mask; *register-block* should be 0.

For example, the following code sets the plane mask so that only half of the planes can be changed.

(send w:selected-window:set-plane-mask #xOF 0); mask off half the planes

# Methods to Control Monitors Directly

19.11 The color hardware can control a color monitor and a monochrome monitor at the same time; both would show the same display, one in color and one in monochrome. The various hardware messages available are methods of the w:control-register flavor and should be sent to the w:\*control-register\* variable, which is automatically set to point to the hardware attached to the Explorer system.

CAUTION: These methods may change incompatibly, without notice. DO NOT use these methods unless absolutely necessary.

w:\*control-register\*

Variable

The hardware attached to the Explorer system. This variable is automatically set by the system software and should not be changed.

:color-blanking :set-color-blanking value

Method of w:control-register Method of w:control-register

Returns or sets, respectively, the state of color blanking via the Video Attribute Register. value can be either :on or :off (or t or nil), indicating that the video signal for the color monitor is either on or off, respectively. When you blank a color monitor, you turn the video signal off.

For example, the following code completely turns off the video and then turns it back on:

The following code displays whether the monitor is blanked or not blanked:

:monochrome-blanking value

Method of w:control-register Method of w:control-register

Returns or sets, respectively, the state of blanking on a monochrome monitor via the Video Attribute Register. value can be either :on or :off (or t or nil), indicating that the video signal for the monochrome monitor is either on or off, respectively. These methods are exactly like the color blanking methods.

:monochrome-polarity value

Method of w:control-register Method of w:control-register

Returns or sets, respectively, the monochrome polarity bit in the video control register. Toggling the value of this bit reverses the meaning of white and black on a monochrome monitor. In most cases, you should use the :set-reverse-video method rather than one of these methods to achieve a reverse video display.

For example, the following code toggles the value of the monochrome polarity:

```
(send w:*control-register* :set-monochrome-polarity
  (- 1 (send w:*control-register* :monochrome-polarity)))
```



# **OBSOLETE SYMBOLS**

#### Introduction

A.1 The code described in this appendix is from previous releases; it is still available for use, but code marked as obsolete in this manual (that is, symbols with [o] in the syntax description line) will be phased out in future releases. This code should not be used for writing new programs.

See the Release Information, Explorer System Software Release 3.0.0 for instructions on how to upgrade old programs.

# **Scrolling**

A.2 Earlier Explorer releases included several ways the mouse could be used to scroll a window, each implemented by a mixin. In Release 3.0, many of these special scrolling mixins have been combined into a single, simpler mixin that gives a better user interface, a better programmer interface, and better code. This mixin is described in paragraph 11.8.1, Scroll Bars.

#### tv:basic-scroll-bar

[o] Flavor

Gives a window the ability to have a scroll bar. This flavor defines the following instance variables:

- tv:scroll-bar is a list describing the rectangle allocated for the scroll bar when the window provides margin space for a scroll bar. Otherwise, tv:scroll-bar is nil.
- tv:scroll-bar-always-displayed is non-nil if the scroll bar is displayed whenever margin space is provided for it, even if the mouse is not there.
- tv:scroll-bar-in is non-nil when the mouse is actually in this window's scroll bar.

#### tv:scroll-bar

[0] Instance Variable of tv:basic-scroll-bar

Inittable, gettable, settable.

A list that specifies whether to have a scroll bar, how big to make it, and where to place it. The argument to the initialization option or :set-scroll-bar can be nil for no scroll bar, t for a default scroll bar, or a small positive number, which requests a scroll bar of that width. The scroll bar occupies space in the margins of the window.

The method can change the inside size of the window because it can change the amount of space needed in the margin.

#### :enable-scrolling-p

[0] Method of tv:basic-scroll-bar

Returns t when the window has a scroll bar.

# tv:scroll-bar-always-displayed

[0] Instance Variable of tv:basic-scroll-bar

Inittable, gettable, settable.

Specifies whether the scroll bar should always appear in the window. If the variable is non-nil, the bar of the scroll bar appears on the screen all the time, not only when the mouse is in it. Using the method updates the screen.

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#### tv:scroll-bar-in

# [0] Instance Variable of tv:basic-scroll-bar

A Boolean value that indicates whether the mouse is actually in this window's scroll bar.

# :mouse-buttons-scroll mouse-char x y

[0] Method of tv:basic-scroll-bar

Invoked when the mouse is clicked in the scroll bar. The default definition—which you can redefine—provides the standard scrolling commands.

# Arguments:

mouse-char — A character with its mouse bit set, identifying the button clicked and how many times.

x, y — The position of the mouse cursor, relative to this window's outside edges, at the time of the click.

# tv:flashy-scrolling-mixin

[0] Flavor

Provides the ability to scroll the window a line at a time by pushing the mouse against the top or bottom edge. The mouse blinker changes to a thick up-ordown arrow when it is in the scroll bar.

This sort of scrolling is provided in the Zmacs editor and the Inspector. This flavor does not cause the words More above to appear, the way it does in the Inspector; that is done by tv:margin-scroll-mixin.

# :flashy-scrolling-region spec

[0] Initialization Option of tv:flashy-scrolling-mixin

Initializes the window for scrolling regions. spec specifies where the window scrolling regions should be, and it has this form:

```
((top-height top-left top-right)
(bottom-height bottom-left bottom-right))
```

#### where:

Each region always abuts the top or bottom edge of the window, overlapping the window's margin, but possibly extending into the inside of the window.

top-height and bottom-height indicate the number of pixels in height for the specified region.

top-left, top-right, bottom-left, and bottom-right give the sides of the region. These can be fixnums (positions relative to the window's left edge), flonums (fractions of the width of the window, with 0 at the left), or :left for the left edge or :right for the right edge.

#### tv:margin-scroll-mixin

[0] Flavor

Provides mouse-sensitive regions in the top and bottom margins that display More below or More above if all of the text cannot be shown on the window. A mouse-click on the region scrolls an entire window of text. The tv:margin-scroll-mixin flavor requires tv:margin-region-mixin as well.

# :margin-scroll-regions region-list

# [0] Initialization Option of tv:margin-scroll-mixin

Initializes a window for scrolling. Each element of *region-list* describes what to do with one of the two scrolling regions. An element of the list has the following form:

(keyword at-end-message more-message font-specifier)

#### where:

keyword is :top or :bottom and indicates which region this element describes.

at-end-message is an expression evaluated to produce the string to display in the region when you have reached the end of the object while scrolling in that direction. If nil or omitted, it defaults to :top or :bottom keywords.

more-message is another expression that is supposed to evaluate to a string to print when you have reached the end of the object while scrolling in that direction. More above and More below are the default strings.

font-specifier specifies the font to use. It defaults to tr10i if it is nil or omitted.

The at-end-message and more-message elements are the most commonly used.

# tv:flashy-margin-scrolling-mixin

[o] Flavor

Provides both flashy scrolling and margin scrolling, with the flashy scrolling areas overlaying the margin scrolling regions. You do not need anything else to use this flavor except tv:basic-scroll-bar.

#### tv:scroll-stuff-on-off-mixin

[o] Flavor

Provides a scroll bar, flashy scrolling, and margin scrolling, and then makes them appear or disappear according to the value returned by the :enable-scrolling-p method.

# :decide-if-scrolling-necessary

[0] Method of tv:scroll-stuff-on-off-mixin

Makes the scroll bar and margin regions appear or disappear, if appropriate, using the :enable-scrolling-p method to decide whether they should be present. This method avoids displaying scrolling features, and using up screen space for them, when there is no place to scroll to.

The :decide-if-scrolling-necessary method is invoked automatically at certain times. The :decide-if-scrolling-necessary method should be invoked whenever the number of lines to scroll through has been changed, but before any associated redisplay is performed (because the redisplay to be performed may be different after this method finishes).

If the scroll bar and margin regions must be added or removed, then either the inside size or the outside size of the window must change. The :adjustable-size-p method is used to decide which size must be changed. If :adjustable-size-p returns non-nil, the inside size is preserved and the outside size is changed; otherwise, the outside size is preserved.

Changing the inside size can affect the window's redisplay calculations, and, for some windows, it may cause a redisplay within this method. You may want to invoke it inside of a **tv:with-sheet-deexposed** macro to avoid letting the user see gratuitous double redisplays, or to suppress the redisplay entirely if there is no bit-save array.

If the outside size is to be changed, and if changing the number of displayable items changes the height of the window, then these changes should be completed before invoking :decide-if-scrolling-necessary.

# :adjustable-size-p

[0] Method of tv:scroll-stuff-on-off-mixin

Determines how to adjust the window margin size. If :adjustable-size-p returns non-nil, the inside size is preserved; otherwise, the outside size is preserved.

Although the tv:scroll-stuff-on-off-mixin flavor does not define this method, the flavor requires users to define it.

# tv:menu-margin-choice-mixin

[0] Flavor

Required flavor: tv:basic-menu

Gives a menu the ability to have choice boxes in the margin. The tv:menumargin-choice-mixin flavor is used in multiple menus.

Choice boxes appear in a single line in the bottom margin of the menu. Each choice box consists of a name followed by a little square or box. Clicking on the box activates the choice.

The tv:menu-margin-choice-mixin flavor adapts tv:margin-choice-mixin for use in menus.

:menu-margin-choices items [o] Initialization Option of tv:menu-margin-choice-mixin Settable.

Sets the list of choice box items. *items* is the list of menu items. The items look and work exactly like menu items, and clicking on one has the same effect. The difference is in how and where they display.

The following code shows the default value, which provides a single choice box and implements the values returned by tv:multiple-menu-choose.

```
(("Do It" :eval (values (funcall-self :highlighted-values) t)))
```

#### tv:margin-choice-menu

[0] Flavor

An instantiable menu flavor that also allows margin choices.

# tv:momentary-margin-choice-menu

[0] Flavor

An instantiable momentary menu flavor that also allows margin choices. Menus produced by the tv:momentary-margin-choice-menu flavor disappear when the user is done with the menu.

# Graphics

A.3 The following symbols are obsolete symbols used to draw graphics.

# tv:graphics-mixin

A.3.1 The following paragraphs describe the methods defined by tv:graphics-mixin that draw graphics on a window. These methods are obsolete and should not be used; instead, you should use the equivalent methods of w:graphics-mixin. In most cases, the names are identical. For example, the :draw-point method of w:graphics-mixin is functionally equivalent to the :draw-point method of tv:graphics-mixin.

# tv:graphics-mixin

[o] Flavor

Required flavors: tv:sheet, tv:essential-window

Provides graphics output operations for windows. For new code, use w:graphics-mixin instead.

# :point x y

[0] Method of tv:graphics-mixin

Returns the value of the pixel located at the window coordinates specified by the x and y arguments. If the coordinates are outside the interior of the window, the returned value is 0; in other words, clipping causes a pixel to have a value of 0.

# :draw-point x y &optional (alu tv:char-aluf) (value -1)

[0] Method of tv:graphics-mixin

Draws a pixel at the window coordinates specified by x and y. :draw-point combines the new value with the existing window pixel value at the specified coordinates according to the specified ALU function. The default for value, -1, is a pixel with all its bits set to 1.

# :draw-line x1 y1 x2 y2

[0] Method of tv:graphics-mixin

&optional (alu tv:char-aluf) draw-end-point

Draws a line on the window from (x1, y1) to (x2, y2) using alu. draw-end-point and determines whether the end point, x2,y2, is drawn. If several connecting lines are to be drawn, specifying a value of nil draws the connecting points correctly.

# :draw-lines alu x0 y0 x1 y1... xn yn

[0] Method of tv:graphics-mixin

Draws a line connecting each pair of coordinates. For example, a line connects x0,y0 to x1,y1 and another line connects x1,y1f to x2,y2. This process continues until a line is drawn from -xn-1,yn-1 to xn,yn. Each connecting point is drawn only once, and the point specified by xn,yn is not drawn.

# :draw-dashed-line x0 y0 x1 y1

[0] Method of tv:graphics-mixin

&optional (alu tv:char-aluf) (dash-spacing 20)

(space-literally-p nil) (offset 0) (dash-length (floor dash-spacing 2))

Draws a dashed line on the window.

# Arguments:

x0, y0 — The window coordinates where :draw-dashed-line begins drawing the line.

x1, y1 — The window coordinates where :draw-dashed-line stops drawing the line.

- alu The :draw-dashed-line method draws the line on the window according to the alu specified; that is, each pixel on the line is turned on or off as determined by the alu and the pixels at each window coordinate.
- dash-spacing The distance, in pixels, from the beginning of a dash to the end of the space following the dash.
- space-literally-p Determines whether to adjust the spacing between the dashes. If space-literally-p is nil, the spacing is adjusted so that the dashes fit evenly into the length of the line. If space-literally-p is non-nil, the dashes are spaced exactly as specified, even though the line may end in the spacing between dashes.
- offset How far, in pixels, from x0,y0 the first dash starts and how soon before x1,y1 the last dash ends. If offset is 0, the first dash starts on x0,y0 and the last dash ends on x1,y1. offset is specified as the number of pixels.
- dash-length The actual length of the dash. If dash-length is not specified, the default dash length is calculated as half the value specified by dash-spacing.

# :draw-curve x-array y-array

[0] Method of tv:graphics-mixin

&optional end (alu tv:char-aluf) closed-p

Draws a sequence of line segments on the window.

The :draw-curve method is slightly different from the :draw-lines method in that the arguments specifying the coordinates are in two arrays rather than in an argument list. The :draw-curve method is also more general because of the flexibility allowed by the end and closed-p arguments.

#### Arguments:

- x-array, y-array The window coordinates connecting all the points. :draw-curve draws a line connecting each pair of coordinates; for example, a line connects the first pair of x-array,y-array coordinates to the second pair of x-array,y-array coordinates, and another line connects the second pair of x-array, y-array coordinates to the third pair of x-array,y-array coordinates. This process continues until a line is drawn from the next-to-last pair of x-array,y-array coordinates to the last pair of x-array,y-array coordinates. Each connecting point is drawn only once, and the point specified by the last x-array,y-array pair is not drawn.
- end The number of line segments drawn.
- alu The :draw-curve method draws the line on the window according to the alu specified; that is, each pixel on the line is turned on or off as determined by the alu and the pixels at each window coordinate.
- closed-p If the value of the closed-p argument is non-nil, then a line is drawn connecting the last point to the first point.

# :draw-wide-curve x-array y-array width &optional end alu closed-p

[0] Method of tv:graphics-mixin

Identical to :draw-curve, except that width is added. width specifies how wide, in pixels, the lines are when drawn.

# :draw-triangle x1 y1 x2 y2 x3 y3 &optional (alu tv:char-aluf)

[0] Method of tv:graphics-mixin

Draws a filled triangle whose vertices are at the window coordinates specified by the x1, y1, x2, y2, and x3, y3 arguments.

:draw-circle center-x center-y radius &optional (alu tv:char-aluf) [0] Method of tv:graphics-mixin

Draws a hollow circle with its center at *center-x* and *center-y*, with a radius of radius.

:draw-filled-in-circle center-x center-y radius &optional (alu tv:char-aluf) [0] Method of tv:graphics-mixin

Like :draw-circle but :draw-filled-in-circle also fills in the circle after the circle is drawn.

:draw-circular-arc center-x center-y radius start-theta end-theta &optional (alu tv:char-aluf) [o] Method of tv:graphics-mixin

Draws a circular arc (a portion of a hollow circle) on a window. *start-theta* and *end-theta* determine where the arc is drawn and must be specified in radians.

The point specified by 0 radians is the rightmost part of the arc with the radians increasing as the arc is drawn in a counterclockwise direction. If start-theta is larger than end-theta, the arc passes through 0 to end-theta.

:draw-filled-in-sector center-x center-y radius start-theta end-theta &optional (alu tv:char-aluf) [0] Method of tv:graphics-mixin

Operates in the same way as :draw-circular-arc, except that :draw-filled-in-sector draws the arc and fills in the circular sector defined by the arc.

:draw-regular-polygon x1 y1 x2 y2 n

[0] Method of tv:graphics-mixin

&optional (alu tv:char-aluf)

Draws a regular, filled polygon on a window.

Arguments:

- x1, y1, x2, y2 Window coordinates that specify one side of the polygon. Because the polygon is a regular object, all sides are the same length, and all interior angles are equal.
- n The number of sides for the polygon. n also determines whether the polygon is drawn in a clockwise or a counterclockwise direction. If the value of n is positive, :draw-regular-polygon draws the polygon in a clockwise direction. If the value of n is negative, :draw-regular-polygon draws the polygon in a counterclockwise direction.

:draw-cubic-spline px py z &optional curve-width
(alu tv:char-aluf) (c1 :relaxed) c2

[0] Method of tv:graphics-mixin

pl-prime-x pl-prime-y pn-prime-x pn-prime-y

Draws a cubic spline curve that passes through a sequence of points. The :draw-cubic-spline method draws a smooth-line curve through the points; this method is different from :draw-curve, which draws lines to connect the points.

Arguments:

px, py — Arrays that contain the window coordinates for the points the curve connects. The number of points is determined by the length of px.

The points are computed so that they match the position and first derivative (slope) of each point.

Because there are no derivatives for the end points, you can specify the boundary conditions for these points. c1 and c2 determine the boundary conditions for the starting and ending points, respectively.

- z the number of points to use when drawing the curved line between each px,py pair. The :draw-cubic-spline method uses :draw-curve to draw the curved line between each px,py point.
- curve-width If the curve-width argument is specified, :draw-cubic-spline uses the :draw-wide-curve method to draw the curved line.
- alu The default value for the alu argument is tv:char-aluf.
- c1, c2 The c1 and c2 arguments specify how the :draw-cubic-spline method specifies the derivative at the end points. The possible values for c1 and c2 are :relaxed, :clamped, :cyclic, and :anticyclic:
  - The :relaxed value makes the derivative at this point 0.
  - :clamped allows the caller to specify the derivative. The arguments p1-prime-x and p1-prime-y specify the derivative at the starting point and are used only when c1 is :clamped. The pn-prime-x and pn-prime-y arguments specify the derivative at the ending point and are used only if c2 is :clamped.
  - cyclic specifies that the derivatives for both end points are equal. The pl-prime-x and pl-prime-y arguments determine the derivatives. If cl is specified as :cyclic, then cl is ignored. If you use :cyclic to draw a closed curve through n points, then the px and py arrays must contain n + l points. The first and last points in the px and py arrays must be equal.
  - anticyclic makes the derivative of the starting point the negative of the derivative of the ending point. The p1-prime-x and p1-prime-y arguments determine the derivatives. If c1 is specified as :anticyclic, then c2 is ignored.
- p1-prime-x, p1-prime-y When :clamped is specified for the c1 argument, values passed to p1-prime-x and p1-prime-y specify the derivative for the starting point. If :clamped is not specified for c1, p1-prime-x and p1-prime-y are ignored.

pl-prime-x and pl-prime-y define a vector that pulls the first part of the spline in a certain direction when the spline is drawn. The vector is the same as that of a line segment between the window coordinates 0,0 and pl-prime-x,pl-prime-y. The direction of the vector is the same as that of the line segment just described. The first part of the spline is pulled in the direction of the vector, with the magnitude of the pull relative to the length of the vector. The larger the vector, the farther the spline is pulled.

pn-prime-x, pn-prime-y — When :clamped is specified for c2, pn-prime-x and pn-prime-y specify the derivative for the ending point. If :clamped is not specified for c2, pn-prime-x and pn-prime-y are ignored.

The effects of pn-prime-x and pn-prime-y are the same as the effects of pl-prime-x and pl-prime-y, except that pn-prime-x and pn-prime-y affect the last part of the spline.

tv:stream-mixin A.3.2 You should use w:graphics-mixin instead of tv:stream-mixin.

:draw-char char font x y &optional (alu tv:char-aluf) Method of tv:stream-mixin Draws char of font using alu where the upper left corner of char is at window coordinates (x,y).

:draw-rectangle width height x y & optional (alu tv:char-aluf) Method of tv:stream-mixin

Draws a filled rectangle of size width by height whose upper left corner is placed at the window coordinates (x,y).

gwin:draw-mixin A.3.3 You should use w:graphics-mixin instead of gwin:draw-mixin.

gwin:draw-mixin

[o] Flavor

Required flavor: tv:minimum-window

Required methods: :transform, :transform-point, :untransform-point Contains the methods used to draw graphics objects in a window.

:allow-interrupts? t-or-nil [o] Initialization Option of gwin:draw-mixin Gettable, settable. Default: nil

Sets a flag that allows the drawing of a picture list to be interruptable. nil specifies that the entire picture list is to be drawn.

:draw-arc x-center y-center x-start y-start [0] Method of gwin:draw-mixin & optional (arc-angle 360) (thickness 1.) (color black) (alu normal) (num-points 29)

Draws a hollow arc.

- :draw-circle x-center y-center radius [o] Method of gwin:draw-mixin & optional (thickness 1.) (color black) (alu normal) (num-points 29)

  Draws a hollow circle.
- :draw-filled-arc x-center y-center x-start y-start [o] Method of gwin:draw-mixin & optional (arc-angle 360) (color black) (alu normal) (num-points 29) (draw-edge t)

Draws a solid arc.

- :draw-filled-circle x-center y-center radius [o] Method of gwin:draw-mixin & optional (color black) (alu normal) (num-points 29) (draw-edge t)

  Draws a solid circle.
- :draw-filled-rectangle left top width height [o] Method of gwin:draw-mixin & optional (color black) (alu normal) (draw-edge t)
- :draw-filled-triangle x1 y1 x2 y2 x3 y3 [o] Method of gwin:draw-mixin &optional (color black) (alu normal) (draw-third-edge nil) (draw-second-edge t) (draw-first-edge t)

Draws a solid triangle.

Draws a solid rectangle.

:draw-filled-triangle-list triangle-list

[0] Method of gwin:draw-mixin

&optional (color black) (alu combine)

Draws a set of solid triangles. The vertices are specified as six-element lists that are the elements of the *triangle-list* parameter.

:draw-line from-x from-y to-x to-y

[0] Method of gwin:draw-mixin

&optional (thickness 1.) (color black) (alu normal)

Draws a line.

:draw-picture-list items &optional world

[0] Method of gwin:draw-mixin

Draws a list of graphics entities in the window. Clipping is performed on each item. A check is performed to see if the item is too small to draw in detail or if the item is so small that it will not be drawn. A Boolean value is returned; it indicates whether the entities were drawn without interruption.

:draw-polyline x-points y-points

[0] Method of gwin:draw-mixin

&optional (thickness 1.) (color black) (num-points the minimum of the number of active array elements of x-pints and y-points) (alu normal)

Draws a polyline.

:draw-raster x y raster start-x start-y width height &optional (color black) (alu normal)

[0] Method of gwin:draw-mixin

Draws a raster image in the window by copying the pixel data. This is similar to a bitblt operation except that the starting location is in world coordinates and the image is clipped.

:draw-rect left top width height

[0] Method of gwin:draw-mixin

&optional (thickness 1.) (color black) (alu normal)

Draws a hollow rectangle.

:draw-solid-polygon x-center y-center x-points y-points

[0] Method of gwin:draw-mixin

&optional (color black)

(num-points array elements of x-points) (alu normal)

Draws a filled, concave polygon. This polygon has no inward-pointing vertices.

:draw-string font text x y

[0] Method of gwin:draw-mixin

&optional (color black) (left 0.) (tab 8.) (scale 1.) (alu combine)

Draws a string of text in the specified font. The returned values are the x and y coordinates of the cursor after the string is drawn.

:draw-triangle x1 y1 x2 y2 x3 y3

[0] Method of gwin:draw-mixin

&optional (thickness 1.) (color black) (alu normal)

Draws a hollow triangle.

gwin:min-dot-delta

[0] Instance Variable of gwin:draw-mixin

Inittable, gettable, settable. Default: 6.

Minimum size that an object can be and still be drawn in detail.

gwin:min-nil-delta

[0] Instance Variable of gwin:draw-mixin

Inittable, gettable, settable. Default: 2.

The minimum size that an object can be and still be drawn.

#### :undraw-picture-list items

# [0] Method of gwin:draw-mixin

Undraws a list of graphics entities in the window. Clipping is performed on each item. A check is performed to see if any item was so small that it was not drawn at all. A Boolean value is returned; it indicates whether the entities were removed without interruption.

gwin:create-gwin-fonts &optional (fonts-to-convert \*default-gwin-fonts\*)

Function

Converts a Lisp machine font to a raster font for the graphics window system. The argument can be one font description or a list of font descriptions. A font description has the following form:

(fonts:symbol-name w:new-symbol-name printable-name-string)

For example, the following is a font description:

(fonts:cmr18 w:cmr18-font "Roman 18")

#### Primitives A.3.4

CAUTION: The subprimitives discussed in the following paragraphs do not perform error checking.

Some of the following subprimitives can accept an array or a sheet array. In window system applications, the argument is usually a sheet, but any suitable two-dimensional numeric array will do.

tv:draw-char font char x y alu sheet-or-array

[o] Function

Draws char of font on sheet-or-array using alu. The upper left corner of char begins at (x,y). tv:draw-char does not perform clipping.

sys:%draw-char font char x y alu sheet-or-array

[0] Function

Like tv:draw-char, except that sys:%draw-char is the actual microcoded primitive. sys:%draw-char does not use the indexing table for a wide font, so when sys:%draw-char is used on a wide font, the character specified by char is not the character you want to draw. For most purposes, you should use tv:draw-char rather than sys:%draw-char.

sys:%draw-rectangle width height x-bitpos y-bitpos alu sheet-or-array

[0] Function

tv:%draw-rectangle-clipped width height x-bitpos y-bitpos alu

[o] Function

sheet-or-array

[0] Function

tv:%draw-rectangle-inside-clipped width height x-bitpos y-bitpos alu sheet-or-array

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Draws a rectangle of size width by height using alu on sheet-or-array. The upper left corner of the rectangle corresponds to the coordinates x-bitpos, y-bitpos relative to the upper left corner of the window (or array).

sys:%draw-rectangle performs no clipping; tv:%draw-rectangle-clipped performs clipping on the outside edges of the sheet; tv:%draw-rectangle-inside-clipped performs clipping on the inside edges of sheet.

sys:%draw-line x0 y0 x y alu draw-end-point-p sheet-or-array

[0] Function

Draws a line from the sheet coordinates x0,y0 to x,y on sheet-or-array using alu. The end point, x,y, is drawn only if draw-end-point-p is non-nil. sys:%draw-line does not perform clipping.

sys:%draw-filled-raster-line x0 y0 x y alu draw-end-point-p sheet-or-array [o] Function

Draws a line from the sheet coordinates x0,y0 to x,y on sheet-or-array using alu. The end point, x,y, is drawn only if draw-end-point-p is non-nil. sys:%draw-line does not perform clipping.

sys:%draw-triangle x1 y1 x2 y2 x3 y3 alu sheet-or-array sys:%draw-filled-triangle x1 y1 x2 y2 x3 y3 alu sheet-or-array [0] Function

led-triangle x1 y1 x2 y2 x3 y3 alu sheet-or-array [o] Function Draws an unfilled or filled triangle, respectively, with the vertices at the speci-

Draws an unfilled or filled triangle, respectively, with the vertices at the specified coordinates. Pixels are considered as being between coordinate points, with the left pixel between x values 0 and 1 and between y values 0 and 1. sys:%draw-triangle does not perform clipping.

# Menus

A.4 The following paragraphs describe obsolete symbols used to produce menus.

#### Flavors and Methods A.4.1

# tv:menu-execute-mixin

[0] Flavor

Defines the :execute method to process a menu item according to the rules described previously.

#### :execute item

#### [0] Method of tv:menu-execute-mixin

Processes *item*, computing and returning the value according to the rules described previously. :execute determines everything about the meaning of a menu item, except where it affects displaying the menu. By redefining the :execute method, you can implement new types of menu items. Because the keywords :no-select, :documentation, and :font determine how the menu is displayed, the overall format of the :execute method must be as described.

# :execute-no-side-effects item

# [0] Method of tv:menu-execute-mixin

Processes *item*, computing and returning the value, provided that this can be done without side effects. If computing the value might possibly have side effects (such as for item types :eval, :funcall, :kbd, :window-op, :menu, and :menu-choose), the value is not computed, and nil is returned.

This method is typically used to find the item in a given item list that returns a particular value if selected.

#### tv:window-hacking-menu-mixin

[0] Flavor

Provides for the :window-op item type by implementing the :execute-window-op method. This implementation involves remembering the mouse position and the window under the mouse at the time the menu is exposed.

# Functional Interface A.4.2 The tv:menu-choose function provides an easy interface to menus.

tv:menu-choose item-list &optional (label nil) (near-mode :mouse)
(default-item nil) (superior tv:mouse-sheet)

[o] Function

Pops up a menu and allows the user to make a choice with the mouse. When the choice is made, the menu disappears and the chosen item is executed. The value of that item is returned as the first value of tv:menu-choose, and the item itself is returned as the second value.

If the user moves the mouse blinker well outside of the menu, the menu disappears and tv:menu-choose returns nil.

NOTE: If the user moves the mouse blinker just outside the menu, the menu does not disappear. This facility prevents inadvertent deexposure of a menu.

#### Arguments:

item-list — A list of items as described in paragraph 14.2.1, Menu Items.

label — A string to be displayed at the top of the menu, or nil to specify the absence of a label.

near-mode — Where to put the menu. It must be an acceptable argument to :expose-near method.

default-item — The item over which the mouse should be positioned initially. This argument allows the user to select that item without moving the mouse. If default-item is nil, the mouse is initially positioned in the center of the menu.

superior - The sheet of which the menu should be an inferior.

#### Geometry

A.4.3 The following initialization options and methods manipulate the geometry of a menu.

# :geometry list

:set-geometry & optional columns rows inside-width inside-height max-width max-height

[0] Initialization Option of tv:menu
[0] Method of tv:menu

Sets the geometry (the constraints) from the arguments. The :geometry initialization option uses a list of six elements. The :set-geometry method uses six separate arguments rather than a list of six elements; this arrangement allows you to omit some of the arguments. The menu may change its shape and redisplay when its geometry changes.

For :set-geometry, an explicit argument of nil makes the corresponding aspect of the geometry unconstrained. An omitted argument or an argument of t leaves the corresponding aspect of the geometry the way it is (if unconstrained, it remains so).

# :geometry :current-geometry

[0] Method of tv:menu

[0] Method of tv:menu

Returns a list of six items. For :geometry, these items are the constraints, with nil in unspecified positions. For :current-geometry, these items correspond to the actual current state of the menu. The first four elements, which

are sufficient to describe the current state, are never nil. The last two elements, which can be nil, are the constraint values for the maximum width and height.

# :rows *n-rows* :columns *n-columns*

[0] Initialization Option of tv:menu

[0] Initialization Option of tv:menu

Set the number of rows or columns, respectively, to the value specified by the argument.

# :fill-p t-or-nil

[0] Initialization Option of tv:menu

Gettable, settable.

Specifies whether to use a filled format (t) rather than a columnar format (nil).

#### :default-font font

[0] Initialization Option of tv:menu

Settable. Default: the standard font for the :menu font-purpose keyword for the screen under the menu

Sets the default font and is used to display items that do not specify a font.

# :set-edges left top right bottom &optional option

[0] Method of tv:menu

Sets the current position and size of the menu by setting the edges of the menu.

# Arguments:

- left The position of the left edge of the menu, in pixels, from the left edge of the menu's superior.
- top The position of the top edge of the menu, in pixels, from the top edge of the menu's superior.
- right The position of the right edge of the menu, in pixels, from the left edge of the menu's superior.
- bottom The position of the bottom edge of the menu, in pixels, from the top edge of the menu's superior.
- option Makes the specified size a permanent constraint for the menu. The option argument can be :temporary or :nil. If option is :temporary, the menu is redisplayed with the specified edges for now, but once it is redisplayed for any reason, the permanent constraints (or lack of them) reemerge.

#### **Ordinary Menus**

A.4.4 The following paragraphs discuss the basic and mixin flavors and their associated initialization options, instance variables, methods, and resources for the ordinary kinds of menus. These flavors cannot be instantiated themselves but are useful to know about. Other kinds of menus are discussed in later paragraphs.

#### tv: basic-menu

[0] Flavor

The basic flavor on which all other menu flavors are built. All the methods documented as being of tv:menu are really defined by this flavor.

#### tv:item-list

[0] Instance Variable of tv:basic-menu

The item list of the menu.

#### tv:last-item

[0] Instance Variable of tv:basic-menu

The last item selected with a mouse click in this menu, or nil if none has been selected yet. tv:last-item is used for positioning a pop-up menu.

#### tv:current-item

[0] Instance Variable of tv:basic-menu

The item at which the mouse is pointing, or nil.

# tv:chosen-item

[0] Instance Variable of tv:basic-menu

Set for a particular item each time that item is selected. A program can be put into a wait state by setting tv:chosen-item to nil and waiting for it to become non-nil.

# tv:geometry

[o] Instance Variable of tv:basic-menu

A list of six elements representing the geometry (constraints) of the menu.

**NOTE:** Remember that *momentary* is the obsolete name for a pop-up menu. The name was changed to make it more meaningful.

# tv:basic-momentary-menu

[o] Flavor

Produces a menu that is often referred to as a pop-up menu, which is only momentarily on the screen. A :choose method on a menu of this flavor positions the menu near the mouse cursor. When the user selects an item in the menu or alternatively moves the mouse out of the menu, the menu disappears and deactivates. The mouse then returns to where it was when the menu appeared, and the :choose method returns the chosen item or nil.

The following flavors produce useful menus and are all built on the tv:basic-menu flavor.

#### tv:menu

[0] Flavor

The same as tv:basic-menu with borders and a label on top. tv:menu defaults to no label, but you can specify a label using the :label init-plist option or the :set-label method.

# tv:momentary-menu

[o] Flavor

tv:momentary-menu & optional (superior tv:mouse-sheet)

[o] Resource

tv:basic-momentary-menu mixed with other flavors to make this window instantiable. The resource is a resource of momentary menus. *superior* specifies the superior of the tv:momentary-menu resource.

# tv:temporary-menu

[o] Flavor

Produces a menu that is a temporary window. When a menu is exposed, tv:temporary-menu saves the bits of the windows underneath the menu. tv:temporary-menu does not produce a momentary menu, and therefore the menu is not exposed or deexposed automatically.

You use a temporary menu rather than a momentary menu when you want to pop up a menu and make several choices from it before deexposing the

menu, or if you do not want to allow the user the option of not choosing anything by moving the mouse out of the window.

# tv:momentary-window-hacking-menu

[0] Flavor

Produces a momentary menu using the tv:window-hacking-menu-mixin flavor.

The following methods and initialization options are useful on menus of any flavor. Methods and initialization options that specifically affect the shape of the menu and the arrangement of items are listed in paragraph A.4.3, Geometry.

#### :item-list item-list

[o] Initialization Option of tv:menu

Gettable, settable.

Sets the list of items (choices) for a menu. Setting the item list with the method recomputes the geometry and redisplays the menu. *item-list* specifies the list of items for the menu. (See paragraph 14.2.1, Menu Items, for a discussion of how to specify menu items.)

#### :choose

[0] Method of tv:menu

Exposes the menu if it is not already exposed, waits until the user selects an item with the mouse, and executes the selection. The resulting value is returned. A momentary menu returns nil from :choose if the mouse is moved out of it, and in any case pops down before returning.

#### :execute item

[0] Method of tv:menu

Once a menu item is selected, performs the appropriate side effects and returns the appropriate value. For most kinds of menus, the :execute method is invoked automatically as part of the :choose method, but command menus require the user program to invoke :execute explicitly if this method is desired. (See paragraph A.4.5, Command Menus.)

#### :move-near-window window

[0] Method of tv:menu

Exposes the menu above or below window, giving the menu the same width as the window. If the menu is too large to fit within window, scrolling can be enabled.

# :center-around x y

[0] Method of tv:menu

Implemented by all windows, but menus handle it a little differently. The window is positioned so that the last item chosen appears at the coordinates specified by the x and y arguments (in the superior), if possible. If displaying the menu as specified would cause part of the menu to be outside of its superior, the menu is offset slightly to keep it inside its superior. The actual coordinates of the center of the appropriate item are returned (you might want to put the mouse there). Momentary menus use this method to put the menu in such a place that the mouse blinker appears over the last item chosen.

#### :current-item

[0] Method of tv:menu

Returns the item the mouse is currently pointing at, or nil if none.

#### :chosen-item

[0] Method of tv:menu

Returns the item that has been chosen by the mouse and is being communicated back to the controlling process.

#### :last-item

[0] Method of tv:menu

Settable.

Returns or sets the item that was chosen by the mouse the last time this menu was used. When a momentary menu is exposed near the mouse cursor by the :choose method, :last-item puts the mouse cursor over this item so that it is easy to choose the item again.

#### :column-row-size

[0] Method of tv:menu

Returns two values: the width of a column in bits and the height of a row in

# :item-cursorpos item

[0] Method of tv:menu

Returns two values, as :read-cursorpos does, giving the x and y coordinates of the center of the displayed representation of *item*. The result is **nil** if the item is scrolled off the display.

# :item-rectangle item

[o] Method of tv:menu

Returns four values: the coordinates of the rectangle enclosing the displayed representation of the specified item. The result is **nil** if the item is scrolled off the display. The returned coordinates are the coordinates of the left, top, right, and bottom of the rectangle. They include a one-pixel margin around the item.

#### :menu-draw

[0] Method of tv:menu

Draws the menu's display. The system automatically invokes :menu-draw when required, and :menu-draw should not be used in application programs. However, user-defined menu flavors can redefine the :menu-draw method or add methods to it.

#### :mouse-buttons-on-item buttons-down-mask

[o] Method of tv:menu

With the default definition, records the chosen item and processes the item type: buttons when it is used. The mouse process invokes the: mouse-buttons-on-item method when the mouse blinker is positioned on an item and a mouse button is clicked.: mouse-buttons-on-item does everything that should be done by the mouse process when a mouse button is clicked.

The tv:current-item instance variable or the :current-item method can be used to find out which item the mouse is on.

#### Command Menus

A.4.5 The menus described so far are driven by the :choose method; that is, the program decides when it is time for the user to choose something in the menu. In some applications, the user should decide when to choose something from a menu. For example, in Peek, the user can select a new mode with the menu at any time, but Peek cannot spend all its time waiting for the user to do this.

The command menu is designed for such applications. When an item in a command menu is chosen, the menu puts a blip into the application's I/O buffer. The blip is a list like the following:

(:menu item button-mask menu)

#### where:

item is the menu item that was clicked on.

button-mask indicates which mouse button was used (as in tv:mouse-last-buttons).

menu is the menu that was clicked on, in case you are using more than one.

This list can be read as an input character with the :any-tyi method from any other window sharing the same input buffer.

Usually, a command window is part of a team of windows managed by a single process and sharing a single input buffer. Menu clicks generate input that is read in a single stream together with mouse clicks on the other windows and keyboard input. For example, Peek and the Inspector both use command menus in this way. Once the controlling process reads the blip, the process can execute (funcall menu :execute item) if the process wishes the item to be processed in the usual way for menu items.

# tv:command-menu-mixin tv:command-menu

[o] Flavor

[o] Flavor

Implements command menus. tv:command-menu is tv:command-menu-mixin mixed with tv:menu to make it instantiable.

#### ty:io-buffer

[0] Instance Variable of tv:command-menu

Inittable, gettable, settable.

The I/O buffer where a command menu stores a blip when an item is selected.

#### tv:command-menu-abort-on-deexpose-mixin

[0] Flavor

When a command menu built on the this flavor is deexposed, the command menu automatically clicks on its Abort item. In other words, the :deexpose method for this flavor searches the item list for an item whose displayed representation is "ABORT" (case is not significant). If such an item is found, a blip is sent to the input buffer claiming that that item was clicked on with the left mouse button.

# Dynamic Item List Menus

A.4.6 Dynamic item list menus dynamically recompute the item list at various times. Whenever the program makes an explicit request to use the menu, the menu checks automatically to see whether its item list has changed.

tv:abstract-dynamic-item-list-mixin :update-item-list

[o] Flavor

[0] Method of tv:abstract-dynamic-item-list-mixin

The flavor causes a menu to invoke the :update-item-list method at various times. The :update-item-list method receives no arguments, and its value is ignored; :update-item-list updates the item list if appropriate.

The tv:abstract-dynamic-item-list-mixin flavor does not define the :update-item-list method, however. For each use of the tv:abstract-dynamic-item-list-mixin flavor, you should define the :update-item-list method to execute :set-item-list if the item list changes and update the item list as desired.

**NOTE:** The :update-item-list method can be invoked in various processes, so your definition should use only global variables and data structures it can find from the menu itself.

# tv:dynamic-item-list-mixin

[o] Flavor

Provides for a Lisp expression—a form—that is evaluated to get the menu's item list. This form is in the tv:list-pointer instance variable. The :update-item-list method is defined to evaluate the form and set the item list to the form's value.

tv:item-list-pointer

binter [o] Instance Variable of tv:dynamic-item-list-mixin Inittable, gettable, settable.

The Lisp expression evaluated to recompute the current item list.

The following menu flavors—except the tv:dynamic-multicolumn-mixin flavor—are combinations of tv:dynamic-item-list-mixin with other flavors.

# tv:dynamic-momentary-menu tv:dynamic-momentary-window-hacking-menu

[o] Flavor

[0] Flavor

Produces a temporary dynamic menu that disappears when an item is chosen. The tv:dynamic-momentary-window-hacking-menu flavor also allows the user to specify a :window-op.

tv:dynamic-temporary-menu

[o] Flavor

tv:dynamic-temporary-command-menu

[0] Flavor

tv:dynamic-temporary-abort-on-deexpose-command-menu

[o] Flavor

Produces a temporary menu that must be explicitly exposed and deexposed for the menu to appear and disappear. The tv:dynamic-temporary-command-menu flavor and the tv:dynamic-temporary-abort-on-deexpose-command-menu flavor also put mouse click information into the window's input buffer. Unlike using tv:dynamic-temporary-command-menu, deexposing a menu produced by tv:dynamic-temporary-abort-on-deexpose-command-menu does the same thing as deexposing a menu by clicking on the Abort item.

#### tv:dynamic-multicolumn-mixin

[0] Flavor

When used with tv:abstract-dynamic-item-list-mixin, makes a menu of several columns, in which each column's items are independently and dynamically recomputed. The System menu is such a menu.

tv:column-spec-list [o] Instance Variable of tv:dynamic-multicolumn-mixin Inittable, gettable, settable.

The column specification list. The value for this variable is a list; each element specifies one column of the menu, and looks like this:

(heading item-list-form options...)

#### where:

heading is a string to be displayed as a :no-select item at the top of the column.

item-list-form is a form to be evaluated to produce the list of items for the column. It should have no side effects and can be evaluated in any process.

options are modifier keywords and values, such as are found in menu items. These modifiers apply to the column heading only. The most useful of these modifiers is the :font keyword.

tv:dynamic-multicolumn-momentary-menu tv:dynamic-multicolumn-momentary-window-hacking-menu

[o] Flavor

[o] Flavor

Instantiable, momentary mixtures of tv:dynamic-multicolumn-mixin.

tv:dynamic-multicolumn-momentary-window-hacking-menu also includes tv:window-hacking-menu-mixin. The System menu is an instance of tv:dynamic-multicolumn-momentary-window-hacking-menu.

tv:multicolumn-menu-choose column-spec-list

[0] Function

&optional label near-mode default-item superior

Pops up a multicolumn menu and allows the user to choose one of the items using the mouse. When the choice is made, the menu disappears and the chosen item is executed. The value of that item is returned as the first value of tv:multicolumn-menu-choose, and the item itself is returned as the second value.

If the user moves the mouse blinker well outside of the menu, the menu disappears and tv:multicolumn-menu-choose returns nil.

NOTE: If the user moves the mouse blinker just outside the menu, the menu will not disappear. This facility prevents inadvertent deexposure of a menu.

Arguments:

column-spec-list — The tv:column-spec-list instance variable.

label — A string to be displayed at the top of the menu, or nil (the default) to specify the absence of a label. The label argument becomes the menu label.

near-mode — Where to put the menu. The near-mode argument defaults to the list (:mouse) and must be an acceptable argument to the :exposenear method.

default-item — The item over which the mouse is initially positioned. This allows the user to select that item without moving the mouse. If default-item is nil or unspecified, the mouse is initially positioned in the center of the menu.

superior — The sheet of which the menu should be an inferior. The default is tv:mouse-sheet.

# Multiple Menus

A.4.7 A multiple menu asks the user to select any combination of menu items rather than a single item. The menu has a choice box (usually named Do It) at the bottom in addition to its menu items. Clicking on a menu item selects it or deselects it; the selected items are displayed in reverse video. Clicking on the Do It box indicates that the user has finished selecting items from the menu.

The :choose method on a multiple menu returns as its first value a list of the values of the items selected by the user.

# tv:multiple-menu-choose item-list & optional label near-mode highlighted-items superior

[o] Function

Pops up a menu and allows the user to choose any subset of the available items. The user finalizes the choice by clicking on the Do It box at the bottom of the menu. At this time, tv:multiple-menu-choose returns as its first value a list of the results of executing all the chosen menu items. The second value of tv:multiple-menu-choose is t in this case.

If the user moves the mouse well outside of the menu, the menu disappears, and the tv:multiple-menu-choose function returns nil for both values. The second value enables the caller to distinguish between a refusal to choose and choosing the empty set of items.

#### Arguments:

item-list — A list of menu items.

label — A string to be displayed at the top of the menu, or nil (the default) to specify the absence of a label.

near-mode — Where to put the menu. This argument defaults to the list (:mouse) and must be an acceptable argument to the :expose-near method.

highlighted-items — A list of some of the same items as in item-list; these are the items to include, initially, in the set to be chosen. The user can add items to the set or remove items from the set.

The elements of *highlighted-items* must be eq in to items *item-list* for proper functioning.

superior — The sheet of which the menu should be an inferior. The default is tv:mouse-sheet, which is usually a screen.

# Making Your Own Multiple Menu

A.4.8 The tv:multiple-menu-choose function may not be adequate if you wish to keep the menu permanently exposed or if you wish to alter its behavior. You must then create a menu yourself. The following flavors create multiple menus.

#### tv:margin-multiple-menu-mixin

[0] Flavor

Gives a menu the ability to have multiple items selected using the :choose method.

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tv:multiple-menu [0] Flavor

> Produces a menu that behaves as described previously in the tv:multiplemenu-choose function discussion. This flavor is a combination of ty:marginmultiple-menu-mixin with tv:menu.

# tv:momentary-multiple-menu

[0] Flavor

Produces a multiple menu that is also momentary.

tv:momentary-multiple-menu &optional (superior tv:mouse-sheet)

[0] Resource

A resource of momentary multiple menus, used by tv:multiple-menuchoose.

#### :add-item item

[0] Method of tv:margin-multiple-menu-mixin

Adds item to the item list of the multiple menu, which is initially unhighlighted. All the existing items remain and are highlighted if they already were.

:set-item-list item-list

[0] Method of tv:margin-multiple-menu-mixin

Sets the item list specified by item-list and redisplays the menu. The items are not highlighted unless they were highlighted previously. (See paragraph 14.2.1, Menu Items, for a discussion of specifying menu items.)

:special-choices items

[0] Initialization Option of tv:margin-multiple-menu-mixin

Equivalent to the :menu-margin-choices initialization option, which is provided by the component flavor tv:menu-margin-choice-mixin.:specialchoices is provided for historical compatibility. The items argument is a list of menu items that specify the choice boxes desired and what to do if they are clicked on.

# tv:menu-highlighting-mixin

[0] Flavor

Enables some of the menu items to be highlighted with reverse video. tv:menu-highlighting-mixin is used with menus of modes, where the modes currently in effect are highlighted. Highlighting the menu mode usually reflects the enabling or disabling of a mode.

The tv:margin-multiple-menu-mixin flavor uses the tv:menu-highlightingmixin flavor.

tv: highlighted-items

[0] Instance Variable of tv:menu-highlighting-mixin Inittable, gettable, settable. Default: nil

The list of items to be highlighted when the flavor is instantiated.

:add-highlighted-item item :remove-highlighted-item item

- [0] Method of tv:menu-highlighting-mixin
- [0] Method of tv:menu-highlighting-mixin

Enables or disables, respectively, the highlighting of the menu item identified by item when the menu is displayed.

:highlighted-values

[0] Method of tv:menu-highlighting-mixin

:set-highlighted-values list

[0] Method of tv:menu-highlighting-mixin

:add-highlighted-value value

[0] Method of tv:menu-highlighting-mixin

[0] Method of tv:menu-highlighting-mixin

:remove-highlighted-value value

Analogous to the :highlighted-items methods of similar names, these methods refers to the items' values (that is, the result of executing them) instead of referring to items directly. For example, if the item list is an association list with the elements (string. symbol), :highlighted-values uses symbol. These methods work only for menu items that can be executed without side effects, not for item types like :eval, :funcall, and so on.

The argument is the list of menu items.

# Input

#### A.5

:any-tyi &optional eof-action

[0] Method of w:stream-mixin

Reads and returns the next character of input from the window. If there is no input, :any-tyi waits until a character of input becomes available. The character comes from the window's input buffer if the buffer contains any characters; otherwise, the character comes from the keyboard.

:tyi &optional eof-action :tyi-no-hang &optional eof-action :any-tyi-no-hang &optional eof-action

- [0] Method of w:stream-mixin
- [0] Method of w:stream-mixin
- [0] Method of w:stream-mixin

These methods are similar to :any-tyi with the noted exceptions.

:tyi and :tyi-no-hang throw away any blips they receive; they continue reading until they find an actual character, then they return the character. Discarded blips are never seen as input. If there is no input available (that is, if the buffer is empty), :tyi waits until there is input, while :tyi-no-hang returns nil.

:any-tyi-no-hang returns nil immediately if the buffer is empty. This method is used by programs that first execute continuously until a key is pressed, then examine the key and decide what to do next.

:mouse-or-kbd-tyi :mouse-or-kbd-tyi-no-hang

- [0] Method of w:stream-mixin
- [0] Method of w:stream-mixin

Like the :tyi and the :tyi-no-hang method, except that certain kinds of blips are not discarded and do count as input. All other blips (that is, all blips whose car is not the symbol :mouse-button) are discarded. If these methods read a blip whose car is the symbol :mouse-button, they return three values:

- 1. The third element (caddr) of the blip, which is always a fixnum.
- 2. The whole blip.
- 3. A character whose mouse bit is 1. This bit identifies the mouse button that was clicked. (See paragraph 11.4.2, Encoding Mouse Clicks as Characters.)

:list-tyi

[0] Method of w:stream-mixin

The opposite of :tyi, :list-tyi returns only blips and discards real characters.

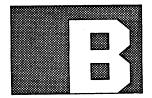
:untyi character

[0] Method of w:stream-mixin

Puts the character just read back into the window's input buffer so that it is the next character returned by:tyi. This character must be the very last character that was read. It is illegal to perform two:untyis in a row.:untyi is used by parsers, such as read, that look ahead one character. character is the character just read from the window's input buffer.

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# CONVERTING APPLICATIONS TO COLOR



#### Introduction

**B.1** This appendix describes how to convert to color an existing load band that contains software release 3.2 or later. Then, the section discusses the need to modify existing applications to run correctly on a color system.

Section 19 of this manual describes how to use color in the Explorer window system and gives details of the functions and methods for color. The *Explorer Programming Concepts* manual includes a section on the general theory behind color displays and how color is implemented on the Explorer system; the section also gives guidelines for color in a user interface.

# Converting to Color

B.2 You need to convert from a monochrome system to a color system at least once. After you have converted, you should verify applications and then perform a disk-save. If you do not perform a disk-save, you will need to convert to the color system after each cold boot.

#### Requirements

- **B.2.1** Before you convert to color, your Explorer system should meet the following requirements:
- Have the following hardware installed:

An Explorer II board A color SIB A color monitor

- Have software release 3.2 (or later) installed
- Have as few as possible additional applications loaded

NOTE: The conversion is more efficient if you convert a bare band to color and then load applications rather than converting a band with a number of applications loaded.

### Converting the Load Band

**B.2.2** To make use of the color monitor, change the load band to recognize and use color by executing the **w:convert-to-color** function. This function performs the following to each instance of a window that exists in the Explorer system:

- Creates a color map for the window.
- Sets the foreground and background colors of the window and of the window's label.

- Sets the window's w:char-aluf and w:erase-aluf to the correct value for color.
- Saves the contents of the 1-bit screen array, allocates an 8-bit screen array, copies the contents of the original screen array into the new, expanded array.
- Refreshes the window (that is, momentarily displays it) to ensure its screen array is correct.

In addition, any flavor instances based on w:blinker-mixin are changed incompatibly. The only problem caused is that you cannot readily change the color of the mouse or other existing blinkers. To do so, you can either remove the current instances and make new ones or kill the window that contains the blinker and create a new instance of that window.

Some applications may use windows that are not active when you execute the w:convert-to-color function. When you first expose such a window, a :before :activate method verifies that these windows are properly converted. Thus, some applications may appear sluggish when first accessed.

You can now add applications to the newly created color band. As you add each application, the Explorer system uses the updated flavors to create instances of blinkers and windows that include color.

# Compatibility Issues

- **B.2** Most code that runs on a monochrome system also runs on a color system. The following items are known to cause problems; that is, if your code uses the following techniques, you must modify the code to run correctly on a color system.
- Using ALU arguments such as w:alu-xor to draw and erase on the display.
- Using aref to access the bit-save or screen array directly or drawing contents on the display by changing the bit-save or screen array and then displaying the array directly.
- Redefining any drawing method such as :string-out or :draw-arc.
- Using one of the previously unused instance variables of tv:sheet:

w:screen-array-text w:screen-array-graphics w:locations-per-line-text

Each of these topics is discussed in more detail in the following paragraphs.

### Using the Correct ALU Arguments

- **B.2.1** When you draw an object (either text or graphics) on a window, you should use one of the new color ALU functions. The w:convert-to-color function translates the general functions w:char-aluf and w:erase-aluf to the appropriate color ALU function. However, if you used an explicit ALU function, you need to change the ALU function to the appropriate color ALU function.
- If you used w:alu-ior to draw output on a window, when you convert to color, the output is drawn in the same color as the background. It is therefore invisible. In most cases, instead of w:alu-ior you should use w:combine (w:alu-transp).
- If you used w:alu-xor to draw and erase output on a window, when you convert to color, the output is drawn in the background color on the foreground color. With text output, the ALU function produces an effect similar to reverse video. In most cases, instead of w:alu-xor you should use w:alu-add to draw on the display and w:alu-sub to erase.

If you used other monochrome ALU functions, choose an appropriate color ALU function from Table 19-3, Color ALU Operations.

#### Using Bit-Save Arrays

**B.2.2** In most cases, you can allow the Explorer window system to allocate bit-save arrays automatically. You should never access the contents of a bit-save array directly. If you have done either of these in your code, that code will not work properly in a color system. A color system uses 8-bit bit-save arrays. A monochrome system uses 1-bit bit-save arrays.

If your application requires you to manipulate the bit-save array, you must supply duplicate code: one set for monochrome systems and another set for color systems. You can use the w:color-system-p function to distinguish between color and monochrome systems. In the following example, the code allocates a bit-save array for a window.

```
(defun arrays ()
    (let (my-bit-array my-window)
    (if (w:color-system-p w:default-screen)
                                                ; if t, the system is color
        (setq my-bit-array
            (make-array '(100 100)
                                                 ; make an 8-bit array
                :element-type '(unsigned-byte 8)))
        (setq my-bit-array
                                                 ; if not t, make a 1-bit array
            (make-array '(100 100)
                :element-type 'bit)))
    (setq my-window (make-instance 'w:window))
    (setf (w:sheet-bit-array my-window) my-bit-array)
    ; Put additional code to manipulate the bit array here
    (send my-window :expose)
    (send my-window :string-out "A text string")
1)
```

#### Using Drawing Methods With Added Arguments

**B.3.3** Methods that draw text now include an optional color argument. Graphics methods now include an optional texture argument. If you have redefined any of these methods, you should add the additional argument to your new definition.

Specifically, the following methods and functions for text output have changed:

:char-down char-down :char-up char-up

:display-lozenged-string display-lozenged-string

draw-char

draw-string-internal

:fat-string-out fat-string-out :insert-string insert-string :line-out line-out

sheet-display-centered-string

sheet-line-out

sheet-string-out-explicit-1

:string-out string-out :string-out-down string-out-down

:string-out-centered-explicit

string-out-centered-explicit\*

:string-out-explicit

:string-out-up string-out-up

:tyo tyo

The following methods for graphic output have changed:

:draw-point:draw-dashed-line:draw-line:draw-polyline:draw-arc:draw-filled-arc:draw-circle:draw-filled-circle:draw-triangle:draw-filled-triangle:draw-rectangle:draw-filled-rectangle:draw-regular-polygon:draw-filled-polygon

:draw-raster :draw-string

:draw-cubic-spline

In addition, the sys: %draw-string function has been removed.

# Previously Unused

B.2.4 The following table lists the previously unused instance variables of tv:sheet that are used as instance variables for color. The other unused Instance Variables instance variables are reserved for future system expansion.

Unused Instance Variable	Macros to Access
w:screen-array-text	w:sheet-color-map
w:screen-array-graphics	w:sheet-plane-mask
w:locations-per-line-text	w:sheet-color-reverse-video-state

If you had been using these instance variables in your code, you should rewrite your code without those instance variables.

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#### Introduction

The indexes for this Explorer software manual are divided into several subindexes. Each subindex contains all the entries for a particular category, such as functions, variables, or concepts. The various subindexes for this manual and the pages on which they begin are as follows:

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## Alphabetization Scheme

The alphabetization scheme used in this index ignores package names and nonalphabetic symbol prefixes for the purposes of sorting. For example, the **rpc:\*callrpc-retrys\*** variable is sorted under the entries for the letter C rather than under the letter R.

Hyphens are sorted after spaces. Consequently, the multiple menus entry precedes the multiple-choice facility entry. However, the apropos-flavor entry precedes the aproposb entry, as follows:

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Underscore characters are sorted after hyphens. Consequently, the xdr-io macro precedes the xdr\_destroy macro.

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