

## WPM Demonstration for WordPerfect 5.1

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The program accompanying this document is a working pull-down menu system for WordPerfect 5.1. It was created with a program called INSTANT MENUS which can create menus like this demo for any program. Follow the instructions below to install, run, and use the menu system.

### Introduction

WordPerfect is a very powerful word processor, but you'd never know it at a glance. The confusing function keys and the annoying keyboard overlay make it very difficult to use for the beginner and the expert. Too much time is spent figuring out how to do simple things, and less time is spent on important documents. What is needed is something that can take care of the memorization part, and let the user get some real work done. That's where the WPM demo comes in.

WPM, included as WPM.ZIP, is a pull-down menu system that overlays itself onto the WordPerfect screen. It lets you choose options from descriptive menus instead of memorizing the functions or squinting at the keyboard overlay. Put simply, it makes WordPerfect easier to use.

WPM is a demonstration program. Give it to anyone you like. All I ask is that this document accompany it EVERYWHERE it goes.

The original version of WPM was put into public domain in 12/87. Since then, many updates have been issued including WP versions 4.2, 5.0 and even 5.1.

WPM serves as a demonstration for INSTANT MENUS (described elsewhere in this document). If you find WPM of use (especially in a commercial environment), please consider purchasing THE PERFECT MENU for \$20 plus \$3 for shipping. Your name will be registered to receive updates as they occur.

### How to Use the WordPerfect Menu Demo

First copy the files WPM.EXE and WP.MNU onto your WordPerfect 5.1 directory. From the command prompt, type:

WPM{optional file name}

WPM will search for WordPerfect (WP.EXE) on the current path and run it. WordPerfect should appear as normal. Once you're in editing mode, you'll notice that WordPerfect hasn't changed a bit! Now press (Alt-Z), and you'll be treated to a menu describing many of the options familiar to WordPerfect users. Use the UP, DOWN, LEFT, and RIGHT arrow keys to move from option to option and from menu to menu. When the option that you want is highlighted, press ENTER. If you want to cancel the menu without doing anything, press Esc. It's that simple. No more remembering Alt-F7 or any of those other ridiculous key combinations. Throw that keyboard template across the room!

Use WPM just as if it was WP, including the specification of a file name and options on the command line. WPM is NOT memory resident, so once you exit WP, the menu no longer takes up memory!

Note that WP.EXE must be on the current PATH. WPM will not work if you type "C:\WP51\WPM" and "C:\WP51" is not a directory specified in the current PATH.

WP.EXE MUST be in the current directory or on the PATH in order to function. Otherwise WPM will not know where to find it. The menu can also be activated by a Microsoft compatible mouse. The right button activates and deactivates the menu. The left button selects a function. Once the menu is activated, the mouse can be moved up, down, left, and right to traverse the menu options. The mouse can also be employed to move the cursor throughout your document!

IMPORTANT NOTE: Some computers (usually fast ones) don't react properly when you press (Alt-Z) in WordPerfect. WordPerfect comes back with a message "ALTZ.WPM not found." If this is the case with your computer, add the following line to your AUTOEXEC.BAT or AUTOEXEC.NT file, whichever is appropriate:

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set wp=/nk
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and everything should work fine. If you want to test this theory first, type:

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wpm/nk
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on the command line when you run the menu program. Then try Alt-Z, and it should work fine.

#### How to Change Your Menu's Colors

You should have a copy of the configuration program, called TPMCONF.EXE. It allows you to change the colors of the menu and some other aspects of the menu. To run TPMCONF, type "TPMCONF" at the command line.

You will see a color chart from which to pick numbers that correspond to the colors in which they are shown. Just type in color numbers that you think would look nice on your monitor. You will also be asked other some questions regarding mouse movement etc. Simply answer 'Y' or 'N' to these questions as they apply to you. Then answer 'Y' when asked to save the new menu file. Your WP menu is now installed with the colors that you picked.

ATTENTION MONOCHROME MONITOR OWNERS: If you can't tell the difference in color between the menu and the highlighted option, then ADJUST YOUR CONTRAST KNOB. You wouldn't believe how many calls we've had from people who thought the menu didn't work on monochrome monitors.

ATTENTION EGA AND VGA OWNERS: Some EGA and VGA monitors show some of the menu selections in "Greek." If this is the case on your screen, adjust the colors (or fonts) from WITHIN WordPerfect until the selections display in legible English (and in good colors). The first thing you should try is to take WP out of 512 character mode and use "underline", "italic", or "normal" mode instead (under display setup).

ATTENTION HERCULES' RAM-FONTS USERS: As is, the menu will look lousy when using Hercules' RamFonts. Use TPMCONF to try the following set of colors to make it look nice: 3, 11, 11, 2 (in that

order). This set of colors (or fonts in this case) will show the menu in normal type, the current selection in big type, and the description line in italics. Another set of fonts that looks nice is: 3, 64, 11, 112.

What Is Instant Menus?

WPM was created with a software package called Instant Menus, which is no longer in circulation. The original ordering instructions from 1991 are no longer valid. Mr. Foley's website is no longer active.