Dark Room

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Overview

Dark Room is a full screen, distraction free, writing environment. Unlike standard word processors that focus on features, Dark Room is just about you and your text.

Basically, Dark Room is a clone of the original WriteRoom that is an OS X (tiger) exclusive application. It is a child of necessity, as there were no viable alternatives in Windows to produce the same behavior. Sure, you can kind of emulate the behavior by jumping through a bunch of hoops in Word/Writer, but it isn't the same. Also, you can do something similar in emacs, but who wants to learn a bunch of obscure keyboard shortcuts?

The goal of the project is to capture the essence of WriteRoom, while keeping it simple and just as free.

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Version 0.8b

Requirements

- Windows XP / 2000 / 2003 / Vista / 10
- .NET Framework 2.0

Keyboard Shortcuts

- **File Menu**
  - Clear Document: Ctrl+N
  - Open Document: Ctrl+O
  - Save Document: Ctrl+S
  - Quit: Ctrl+Q
- **Edit Menu**
  - Undo: Ctrl+Z
  - Redo: Ctrl+Y
  - Cut: Ctrl+X
  - Copy: Ctrl+C
  - Paste: Ctrl+V
  - Select All: Ctrl+A

    - Find: Ctrl+F
    - Find Next: F3
    - Preferences: Ctrl+,
- **View Menu**
    - Statistics: Ctrl+/
    - Toggle Fullscreen: F11 or Esc

Change Log

0.8b (report bugs)

- ADDED: Neutral highlighting
- ADDED: Cursor blink rate control

0.7.6.2b

- FIXED: Ability to open files with accented characters
- FIXED: Text modification state preserved when preferences changed
- FIXED: Window title not updating when file saved
- FIXED: Crash when config file is write protected
- FIXED: Files saved with Unix line breaks
- FIXED: Wordcount RegEx

0.7.6.1b

- FIXED: FileNotFoundException when caching preferences
- CHANGED: Text of statistics shortcut from ctrl+? to ctrl+/ to be less confusing

0.7.6b

- ADDED: Display active filename
- ADDED: Keyboard shortcut for statistics window
- ADDED: Settings cached locally for increaed portability
- FIXED: Change font/color causes text to disappear until preference pane brought up again
- FIXED: Coping entire lines and pasting results in final carraige return not being pasted
- FIXED: Error message for invalid height says width
- FIXED: No error message for invalid margin

0.7.5b

- Added check for updates menu option
- Added auto indent option
- Added drag and drop onto page to open file
- Fixed a bug that prevented tabs to spaces from taking effect until restart
- Removed resizable borders on dialogs
- Optimized page width in non-maximized window
- Fixed a bug that resulted in crash when using page setup without any installed printers
- Optimzied preferences dialog layout

0.7.1b

- Fixed a bug that reverted tabs to spaces to three instead of custom value

0.7b

- Added Statistics dialog
- Added Menu item to launch dark room website
- Added ability to enable/disable local cache file
- Added convert tabs to spaces
- Printing now uses document font
- Fixed a bug the preventing printing the first character
- Fixed a bug that made the margin disappear when auto-width selected.
- Fixed a bug that prevent multiple monitors from working correctly.

0.6.2b

- Fixed a bug causing the program to crash if there is no text to cut/copy.
- Fixed a bug that resulted in a crash when enabling multi-monitor support.
- Disabled “URL detection”

0.6.1b

- Fixed “process hog” problem related to autosave interval
- Fixed allow tabs in writing area
- Fixed preferences access from context menu

0.6b

- Added launch modes (restore buffer, open last file, clean document)
- Redone preferences dialog
- Converted to C#
- A bunch (mostly little inconsistences that I noticed while converting)

0.5.1b

- Fixed order of Find and Find Next in Edit menu
- Font, Page, and Background color dialog defaults to current color instead of black
- Fixed find next bug that would not allow find to advance to next word

0.5b

- Added optional Transparency
- Added Rudementary Printing Support
- Added optional Autosave (once a minute)
- Added Find
- Added Content Cached in a local file to increase portability
- Fixed Save As bug, now can save as repeatedly
- Fixed Text Formatting bug, now stripped when copied to clipboard

0.4b

- Removed rogue formatting in document (shortcut keys, etc…)

0.3.9b

- Fixed a bug that caused Dark Room to quit if save dialog is canceled
- Fixed a bug where the font color button did not update when color was changed
- Fixed a bug that caused the “save changes” prompt to come up while closing regardless of whether or not the document changed
- Fixed a bug that prompted a “save as” dialog when attempting to save a file that was opened using “Open With”
- Added Ctrl+, as a shortcut for preferences
- Added an About Page
- Added option not to open in fullscreen mode
- Added option to open to a clean page
- Added a crappy icon

0.3.2b

- Fixed a multiple monitor bug that shaded the primary monitor when app is not maximized
- Added a warning to save when closing (if document modified)
- Fixed a bug that allowed user to overwrite a previous file if they created a new file, and used ctrl+s to save

0.3.1b

- Font dialog now defaults to current font
- Multiple, vertical monitors now supported

0.3b

- Added keyboard shortcut to exit (Ctrl+Q)
- Added “Open with Dark Room” context menu integration option
- Added Multiple Monitor Support (shades monitors not in use)
- Added ability to open “All Files (.)”
- Added ability to scroll with mouse wheel
- Added a context menu
- Changed redo from Ctrl+Shft+Z to common Ctrl+Y
- Corrected paste to remove formatting information
- Changed application name from “WindowsApplication1” to Dark Room
- Fixed the ability to associate Dark Rom with text files

0.2b

- Added Multiple Undo and Redo
- Fixed crash when Save As dialog is cancelled
- Removed scrollbar, replaced with simple navigation bar

- Removed exit shortcut key to allievate conflict with cut command
- Preferences dialog revamped
- Added page height preferences
- Added automatic page width and height setting