

vDos - Readme

vDos specific key combinations:

- Win+F11 decreases, Win+F12 increases the font and so the window size.
- Win+Ctrl+C copies the text to the right of the cursor to the Windows Clipboard.
- Win+Ctrl+V pastes the Windows Clipboard text into the DOS keyboard.
- Win+Ctrl+S starts printing if the SPOOL option is in effect.
- Win+Ctrl+left mouse click starts selecting a rectangle block of text. Drag the mouse and release the mouse button; the selected text is copied to the Window clipboard.

The Win key is by default required, this can be disabled in config.txt.

The vDos command line interpreter is quite basic, alternatively you can use another like 4DOS. Added or modified DOS commands:

- **ABOUT** - Displays a popup with information about vDos.
- **CMD** - Start a Windows program or command processor.
CMD ["program"] [WAIT][HIDE] command line
"program" If provided, the quotes are mandatory
WAIT Wait for the program or command processor to exit
HIDE Start the program or command processor minimized
command line Passed on to the program or command processor
Examples:
CMD "notepad" WAIT mydoc.txt
CMD WAITHIDE /c mytest.bat
CMD /c start /max notepad
- **START** - Essentially CMD /c start.
- **SET** - Enhanced to include Windows variables.
Example: SET DOSVAR=%%WINDOWSVAR%%
At startup, the WIN_VDOS variable is set to the Windows VDOS environment variable, or the command line of vDos.exe.
- **USE** - Assign a DOS drive letter to a Windows path.
USE [drive letter:] [Windows path\
Examples:
USE D: C:\DOSAPP\
USE F: \\servername\share name\

If you have more applications and folders for them with specific configurations, you don't have to copy all vDos files to those locations.

- Only config.txt and autoexec.txt are needed there.
- Create a shortcut to the vDos executable and give it some sensible name.
- Set the "Start in" property of the shortcut to the folder of the application.

Printing:

- vDos supports programs, set to print to Epson, IBM Proprinter or PCL compatible printers.
- Read the Printing.pdf file if printing doesn't work as expected, or you want to fine-tune the hardcopies.

Windows programs:

- vDos detects when a DOS program tries to start a Windows program, and will launch that program outside the vDos box. This even applies to non-executables, given the DOS program doesn't block that. The command line of the program to be started can be preceded with [WAIT][HIDE] (see CMD above).

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