

Two Clipboard Macros
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Tips

WordPerfect's variables – (Alt-0) through (Alt-9) – are great for storing repetitive blocks of text, but most formatting codes are completely ignored. Blocked text can be retrieved by using Block and Copy, but only once.

An alternative is to copy text to an external file using WP's Append command and then retrieve the text back into the document. The two included macros, CLIP.WPM and RETRIEVE.WPM, will help you do this. You'll likely want to rename these macros using Alt-letter combinations for ease of use.

Before using the macros, you'll need to create an empty clipboard file. To do so, press Save (F10) from a blank screen, type "wpclipbd.1," press (Enter), then press Exit (F7).

CLIP.WPM appends your blocked text to a file named WPCLIPBD.2. (You do not have to create this file.) Next it prints the Ω character (key 8,50 using the Compose feature) and appends it to the end of the WPCLIPBD.2 file. Then it finds WPCLIPBD.1 and deletes it. Next it finds WPCLIPBD.2 and renames it WPCLIPBD.1.

RETRIEVE.WPM then copies the contents of WPCLIPBD.1 to your current cursor position.

Now when you want to copy a block of text and codes, Block (Alt-F4) your text, press (Alt-F10), type "clip" and press (Enter). To retrieve the text, press (Alt-F10), type "retrieve" and press (Enter). Whatever was last copied to the clipboard will appear at the current position.

Using these two macros you can copy and retrieve unlimited amounts of text and codes, including headers, footers, graphics and footnotes. The current clipboard remains intact (even if you shut down the machine) until you copy something new.

Note: CLIP.WPM will not work inside headers, footers, footnotes, graphics, or anywhere List Files is disabled. RETRIEVE.WPM will work anywhere.

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