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Help Sheet 26 Creating a wordlist for your own pictures.

This tutorial is to demonstrate how you can quickly create a wordlist from a collection of Graphics for Writing with Symbols 2000.

You may have taken some digital photos or scanned in a series of images and now want to use them within Writing with Symbols 2000. Writing with Symbols 2000 version 2.6 and above will support most of the common graphic file formats. If you are working on an earlier version we recommend that you upgrade your version to 2.6. Contact Widgit for details.

There are two ways that images can be added to a word list.

Case 1. You have only one or two images to add to your wordlist.

Help Sheet 10 explains how you can add a single image to a document either as a temporary addition, and how you can add it to a wordlist. This technique is ideal if you only have a few images. Please refer to Help Sheet 10 for more details.

Case 2. You have lots of images to add to your wordlist.

This is best done using the Resource Manager and it is the purpose of this help sheet to explain how.

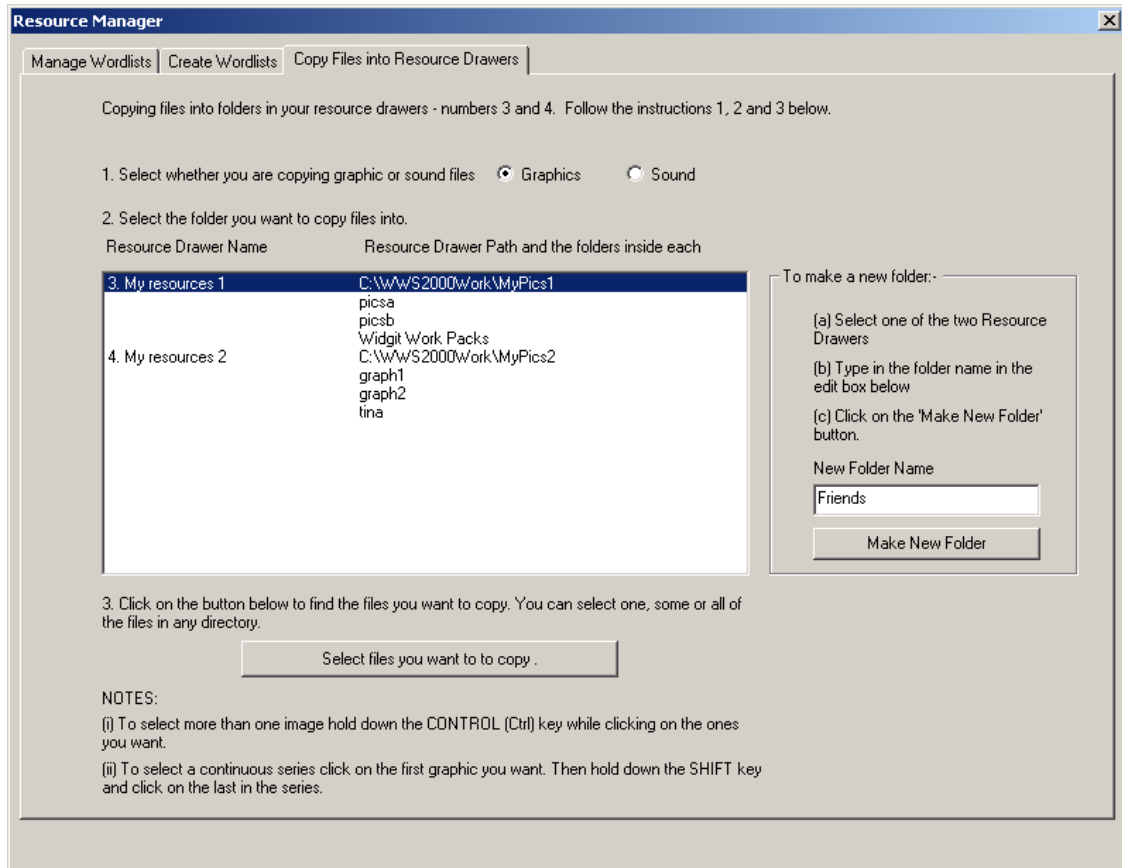
First put all your images in a single folder. In the example below they are put in C:\photos.

The graphic resources used by writing with symbols must be in sub-directories within either the MyPics1 or the MyPics2. The Resource Manager will first be used to copy them to this location, and then used to make a wordlist from them. The default name in the wordlist will be the file name itself. ***It will therefore save a great deal of time if the file names you choose when you save the files from the camera or scanner are names that are suitable in the wordlist.***

Inside MyPics1 and MyPics2 there are already a number of subdirectories. You can also create your own.

1. copying the images into a resource area

- Load the Resource Manager
- Click on the third tab 'Copy files into resource drawers'



Step 1: choose whether you are working with graphics or sounds

Step 2: Choose the folder and subfolder where you want to place the graphics within the Widgit system.

If you want to create a new folder, select the main folder: e.g. My Resources 1 or My Resources 2, then enter the name of the new folder in the box on the right. (In this example the a folder is created called 'Friends' as shown above). Click on make new folder. The new folder will be added to the list ready to select for adding the images.

Step 3: copying the files into the resource area

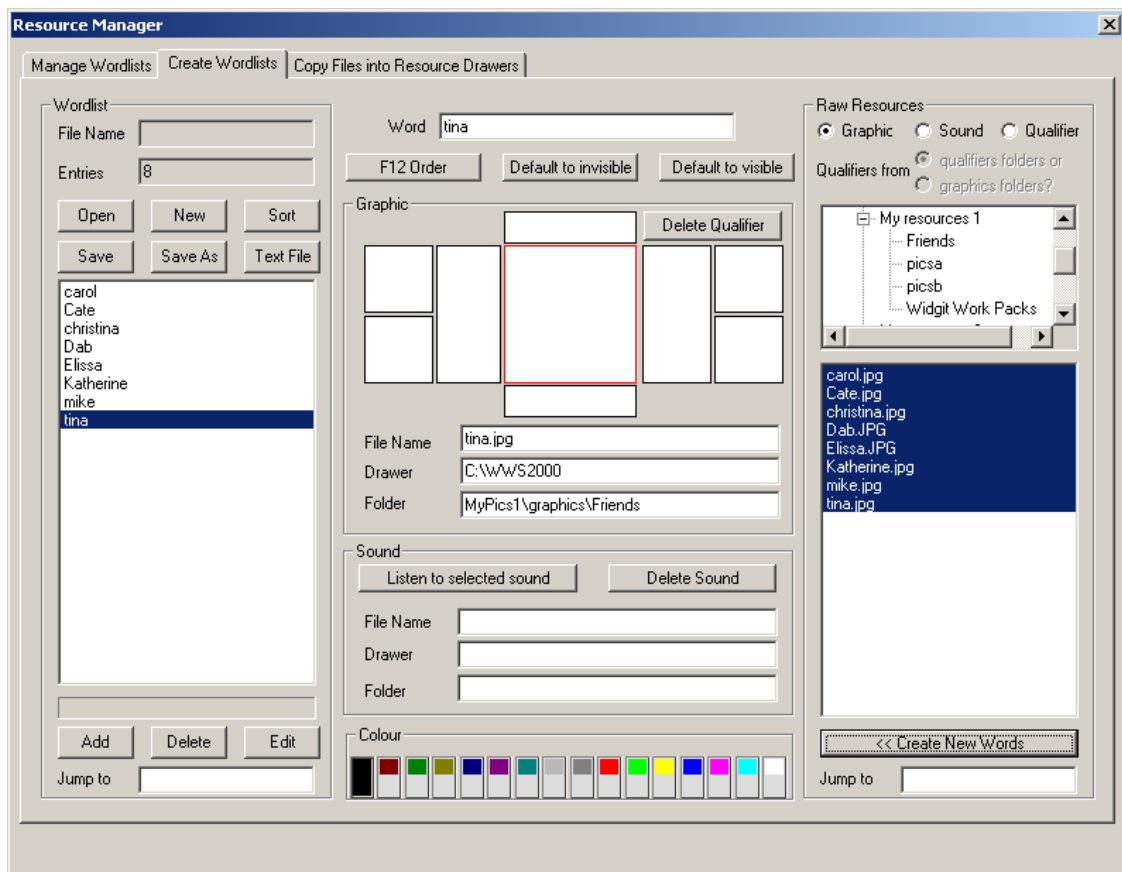
Click on the button 'Select files you want to copy' and navigate to where they are currently stored. The notes on the dialogue box above will explain how to multiply select items to add.

2. Adding the new graphics to a wordlist

Click on the center tab **create wordlists**. On the right hand side you can access your imported resources by selecting the resource directory you copied the files into, in this case it was My Pictures 1 > Friends

In the left column either make sure it is empty by clicking the 'new' at the top of the left column, or if you want to add the new pictures to an existing wordlist, open that into the left column.

Select the items you want to add to the wordlist and click 'Create new words' This will put a wordlist entry for each of the selected graphics with a word entry matching the file name. You can edit any of these names to be the text you want to type by editing the text in the center top box labeled word. Remember you can have up to 3 words associated with a graphic.



The images have now been linked into a wordlist, which can be saved.

To save your wordlist: Click on the Save button. This will bring up a dialog box that allows you to type in a name for the wordlist and choose a location to save it to. You must save this in the wordlist folder (usually C:\WWS2000Work\Wordlist).