PCX DUMP

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THE screen capture program
Documentation and technical notes

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OVERVIEW OF PCXDUMP

PCXDUMP is a program which saves the images on the screen of your IBM Personal Computer or compatible PC to a disk file.

PCXDUMP is memory-resident, which means that having executed it once the program is always waiting in the background, while you continue to run other programs. You tell PCXDUMP to capture the image currently displayed on the screen by pressing a combination of keys which PCXDUMP reserves for itself.

The saved images are put on the disk in the PCX-format. A large variety of word processors, desktop publishers and paint programs are capable of importing PCX-files, e.g. WordPerfect, PageMaker, Ventura Publisher, PaintBrush and many, many more.

If you want another format (eg. GIF), use a converter program like the GRAPHIC WORKSHOP, ALCHEMY or VPIC (all SHAREWARE).

9 GOOD REASONS TO USE PCXDUMP

- The price. PCXDUMP will cost you only 25.00 $.
- The size. PCXDUMP will use only 10.4 Kb of conventional memory (and no EMS or XMS).
- The speed. ALL pixel are written/read directly in the video memory and hence really fast!
- PCXDUMP recognizes a large number of SuperVGA chips, and is able to use their resolutions as well.
- It’s userfriendly. PCXDUMP can be installed with a on-screen menu, where you can install PCXDUMP the way you prefer. In the menu you can change things as: the hotkey-sequence to activate PCXDUMP, where to put the PCX-files, your type of videocard (PCXDUMP autodetects the videocard) and several other features.
- Easy to use. Just press the hotkey and use the mouse or keyboard to choose which part of the screen to save. PCXDUMP dumps the images directly to the PCX-format.
- PCXDUMP offers several ways of "delaying" the installation. Read about it in the "**PCXDUMP INSTALLATION**" section. In short this means that you are able to capture screens, which you normally wouldn’t be able to capture.
- A lot of (particularly new) games push the EGA or VGA-card to the limit and use undocumented videomodes to get smooth scrool and smooth animation. PCXDUMP recognizes these modes. However, as the registers are write-only (can’t be read) on EGA-cards, PCXDUMP can neither detect nor use these modes on EGA-cards.
- And last, but not least. It’s not crippled in any way. PCXDUMP is designed to capture graphic screens and will work with no limitations in graphics modes. But if you register PCXDUMP, you will get the "text capturing" function as a bonus !

PCXDUMP REQUIREMENTS

To use PCXDUMP, you will need:

- An IBM PC, XT, AT, PS/2, or 100% compatible computer;
- At least one floppy diskette drive; and
- The IBM-PC DOS (Disk Operating System), or MS-DOS, in a version numbered 2.0 or higher.

A Mouse Systems compatible mouse will also be convenient.

You can use PCXDUMP with either a color or a monochrome EGA or VGA display card (and naturally with a SuperVGA display card).

WHAT PCXDUMP CAN CAPTURE

PCXDUMP is capable of capturing graphic images on systems equipped with any of the following video display adapters:

- Multicolor Graphics Adapter (MCGA)
- Enhanced Graphics Adapter (EGA)
- Video Gate Array adapter (VGA)

Although PCXDUMP can dump images from mode 4,5 and 6 (which are CGA-modes), you will need at least an EGA or MCGA card to install PCXDUMP.

No Hercules support, sorry! If anyone has a desperate need for using PCXDUMP on Hercules (mono) systems, please (e)mail me. Then I **might** consider it!

PCXDUMP captures all of the video modes listed in the following table, which have been standardized by manufacturers of the various video adapters mentioned above:

Video mode	**Graphics resolution**	**Colors**	**Adapters supporting**
04	320 x 200	4	CGA/EGA/VGA *)
05	320 x 200	4	CGA/EGA/VGA *)
06	640 x 200	2	CGA/EGA/VGA
13	320 x 200	16	EGA/VGA
14	640 x 200	16	EGA/VGA
15	640 x 350	2	EGA/VGA
16	640 x 350	16/64	EGA/VGA
17	640 x 480	2	VGA/MCGA
18	640 x 480	16/256k	VGA
19	320 x 200	256/256k	VGA/MCGA

*) In these two CGA-modes, PCXDUMP will always be using a palette of Black, Cyan, Magenta and White.

And if you have any of the following SVGA-cards, you are able to use their SVGA-modes as well!

CHIPSET	16 Colors	256 Colors	32768 Colors
ATI-WONDER	1024 x 768	1024 x 768	640 x 480
TRIDENT	1024 x 768	1024 x 768	-
GENOA	1024 x 768	800 x 600	-
PARADISE	1024 x 768	1024 x 768	800 x 600
TSENG ET 3000	1024 x 768	800 x 600	-
TSENG ET 4000	1024 x 768	1024 x 768	-
TSENG HiColor	1024 x 768	1024 x 768	800 x 600
OAK-37	800 x 600	-	-
OAK-67	1024 x 768	800 x 600	-
VIDEO-7	1024 x 768	800 x 600	-
CHIP & TECH.	1024 x 768	800 x 600	-
AHEAD A/B	1024 x 768	1024 x 768	-
VESA	1280 x 1024	1280 x 1024	-

PCXDUMP is not designed to work with high-resolution 4-color images.

If you try to activate PCXDUMP in an unsupported video mode, PCXDUMP will produce a long deep tone.

NOTE: When you're capturing graphics in 32768 colors on the TSENG HiColor card (and the other cards that can show 32768 colors), be aware that although VPIC is able to show 24-bit Targa pictures, it can't show 24-bit PCX (VPIC version 4.6). However, I have seen ALCHEMY 1.5.1 (from Handmade Software, Inc.) showing 24-bit PCX correctly.

TEXT MODES

The registered version of PCXDUMP holds a bonus facility which enables you to capture screens in these text-modes:

Video mode	Text resolution	Colors	Adapters supporting
03	80 x 25	16	EGA/VGA
03	80 x 43	16	EGA
03	80 x 50	16	VGA
07	80 x 25	2	EGA/VGA
07	80 x 43	2	EGA/VGA
-	132 x 25	16	Some SVGA-cards
-	132 x 28	16	Some SVGA-cards
-	132 x 44	16	Some SVGA-cards
-	80 x 60	16	Some SVGA-cards
-	80 x 66	16	Some SVGA-cards
-	100 x 60	16	Some SVGA-cards

Text screens can be captured in two ways, either to a **textfile** (.TXT) or to a **bitmap** (graphic) file (.PCX).

To dump a text screen to a text file, press hotkey ALT+SHIFT+T. Instead of the PCX extension on the file it will be the TXT extension. These textfiles can be imported to almost any kind of wordprocessor or desktop program. When you dump to a textfile, all characters will be light gray and the background black.

All other hotkeys will produce a bitmap file (with the PCX extension). In all modes except mode 07, you can capture the screen in both color or monochrome. In text mode, PCXDUMP uses the RAM resident font to convert the screen into a bitmap. This means that the resulting bitmap represents the captured text screen exactly as it appears on the screen, even if the program loads a specialized font (such as an emulated mouse cursor in textmode).

Note that with Ventura Publisher or WordPerfect 5.1 the size of the image when incorporated into your document is dependent on the size of the frame (VP) or figure (WP). For best results, you must adjust this size (within VP or WP) so that pixels are not truncated or compressed. You can calculate the best size for the image in your document based on the horizontal and vertical resolution of your printer. Lets say you capture a VGA text mode screen with 80 columns and 25 lines. The font size in this mode is 8 by 16 pixels. This means that there are 400 (16 times 25) scan lines in the image and 640 pixels horizontally (80 times 8). You must size the image so that the number of pixels in the image is evenly divisible by the printer resolution. Therefore, if you have a laser printer or DeskJet printer which prints at a resolution of 300 dots per inch (both horizontal and vertical), a frame size of 2.13 inches by 1.33 or 4.27 inches by 2.67 inches would produce non-distorted output.

Remember that you must account for the inside border space and border width when sizing figures in WordPerfect.

NOTE: If you capture a color screen on a plain EGA card, the colors may not seem right when you view later on. PCXDUMP dumps the color text-screen in a 256-colors PCX-file. Any program showing 256 color files to an EGA screen must try to find the best colors since EGA can only show 16 out of 64 colors. And if the program that you use to show the PCX-files is not good enough, the result may be funny colors. One solution to this problem is to remap the PCX-files to 16 colors. This can be done with e.g. PICLAB, ALCHEMY or GRAPHIC WORKSHOP (all shareware).

HOT-KEYS

When PCXDUMP is installed, these hotkeys can be used:

- ALT+SHIFT+C gives a 256 color PCX-file
- ALT+SHIFT+E dumps the whole screen in 256 colors (dumps immediately)
- ALT+SHIFT+N gives a black/white PCX-file
- ALT+SHIFT+R dumps the whole screen in black/white (dumps immediately)
- ALT+SHIFT+I gives an inverted black/white PCX-file
- ALT+SHIFT+G gives a 256 color PCX-file, where image is grayscaled.
- ALT+SHIFT+H gives a 256 color PCX-file, where image is inverted grayscaled.
- ALT+SHIFT+T will dump a textscreen to a TXT-file.

PCXDUMP will beep once when activated and (once) again when having finished dumping graphics. If you activate PCXDUMP in an unsupported videomode, such as a 4 color hires mode, PCXDUMP will emit a long low-pitched sound.

You can only use the **C, E, G & H** hotkeys when there's at least 4 colors on the screen. A thing to note: You can't do a grayscale dump in true-color modes (15 bit modes), only in paletted modes (4-256 color). You can only use the **T** hotkey in textmode (registered version only).

It's possible to change the hotkeys, read about it in "**PCXDUMP INSTALLATION**"

NOTE: if you activate PCXDUMP in a "tricky" video, like mode X (320x240x256) or in a mode with smooth scrool, PCXDUMP will dump the screen immediately. This goes for the text mode (registered version only) as will. @HEADLINE = ADJUSTING FRAMESIZE

If you own a mouse and your mouse-driver is installed, you are able to cut out part of the screen with a on-screen frame controlled by the mouse. This can also be done by using the arrowkeys and <SPACE>.

It is only in graphics mode that you are able to cut/clip. In textmode the whole screen will be saved immediately.

The size of the frame is shown in upperleft corner.

- MOUSE
  Press RIGHT button and move mouse to control frame-size.
  Press LEFT button and move mouse to control frame-position.

- KEYBOARD
  Press the arrowkeys to control frame-size.
  Press <SPACE> and the arrowkeys to control frame-position.

- BOTH MOUSE and KEYBOARD
  Press <ENTER to dump graphic within frame. Press <ESC> to cancel

You can only adjust the framesize when you have pressed one of these hotkeys: **C,N,I,G,H**.

NOTE: Just a piece of advice. If you capture a screen in a program (e.g. a paint program) which is also using the mouse, "noisy" pixels may appear when the mouse is moved. If you dump the whole picture without using the mouse (hotkey **E** & **R**) and use a program like VPIC to show the PCX-file, you can now use the mouse to cut out the exact area.

HOW FAST IS PCXDUMP ?

Direct memory read/write will be performed in ALL modes, 2, 16, 256 and 32768 colors mode. So this program is pretty fast !! I am using a 386sx/20 Mhz system (and a Tseng ET4000 card), and these are my measurements:

Picture size	**sec (approx.)**
320 x 200 x 256	1 - 1.5
640 x 480 x 256	6
800 x 600 x 256	9
1024 x 768 x 256	14
640 x 480 x 16	11
800 x 600 x 16	17
1024 x 768 x 16	27
640 x 480 x 32768	23

Because it is more complicated to read and write pixels in 16-colors mode it takes a little longer than in 256 colors mode..

Due to the 24-bit coding in PCX-files, capturing of graphics in 32768 colors mode involves 3 readings of every pixel and is therefore making capturing of these modes slower than that of other modes.

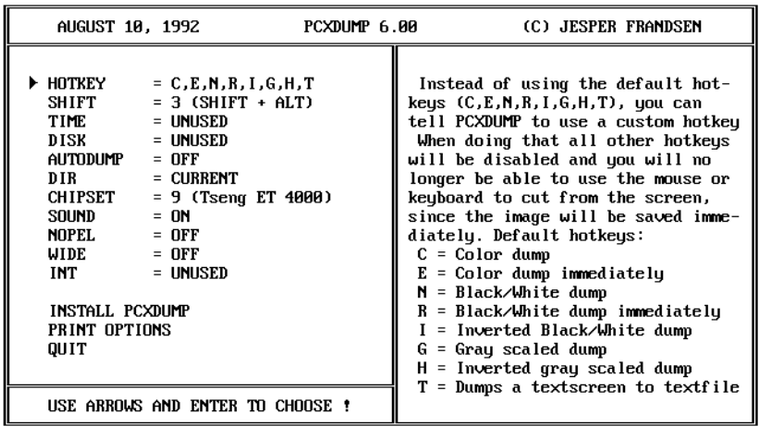
If the picture is a simple one, PCXDUMP will be faster since it doesn't have to write a lot of information to the disk.

IF THE COMPUTER IS TOO BUSY TO CAPTURE

There may be times where you request PCXDUMP to capture your screen, and where nothing seems to happen. This is usually because the foreground application program is in the middle of a sensitive task which cannot be interrupted.

In these cases, PCXDUMP is aware that you have requested a screen capture, and will pop up as soon as it becomes safe to do so.

PCXDUMP INSTALLATION



PCXDUMP installation menu.

PCXDUMP is easily installed with the menu that appears, when you write "PCXDUMP" + <ENTER>. You can, however, install PCXDUMP with "command line switches" alone. In this way you will be able to install PCXDUMP from a batchfile, such as AUTOEXEC.BAT.

This section identifies the "command line switches" which PCXDUMP recognizes and responds to. A command line switch is a string of characters which you type after the PCXDUMP command itself.

The purpose of these switches is to allow you to modify the way PCXDUMP performs certain of its operations. Turning PCXDUMP's beep sounds off and removing PCXDUMP from the memory are just two examples of functions, which the command line switches allow you to control.

A single command line may contain as many switch options as you desire, in any order, in either uppercase or lowercase letters.

Option: /ON

Usage: PCXDUMP /ON

Installs PCXDUMP. This option is only necessary if no other options are given.

Option: /OFF

Usage: PCXDUMP /OFF

This option removes PCXDUMP from the memory.

Don't use this switch if PCXDUMP isn't the last TSR loaded. If another resident program is loaded AFTER PCXDUMP and you use this option, the memory may be messed up and you may have to reboot.

Option: /NOSOUND
Usage: PCXDUMP [other options] /NOSOUND

Tells PCXDUMP to turn off sound.

Option: /TIME=number[1]
Usage: PCXDUMP [other options] /TIME=number

Use this option to "delay" the installation of INT 09h.

Many programs (e.g. games like "4D STUNT DRIVE") will take complete control of INT 09h at startup (INT 09h is the hardware keyboard interrupt, remember) and don't call the original INT 09h. For that reason PCXDUMP's own INT 09h routine will not be called at all. This obstacle can be overcome by using the /TIME option. If it takes your program, say, about 20 seconds to start up, it is a good idea to delay the installation of PCXDUMP INT 09h routine about 30 seconds. PCXDUMP uses the hardware clock interrupt at INT 08h to keep track of time.

Example:

```
PCXDUMP /time=60
```

Will install PCXDUMP, and PCXDUMP will be waiting 60 seconds before grabbing INT 09h.

Bear in mind that when you use this option, you are not able to use PCXDUMP after exiting the program (or game) you wished to save images from. The reason for this is that the interrupted program remembers the "old" INT 09h address, and when you exit thsi program it restores INT 09h and thereby overwrites your INT 09h address. But since you now have saved all the images you wanted, you couldn't care less.

If you want to use PCXDUMP again, you don't have to reboot: remove PCXDUMP from the memory by writing:

```
PCXDUMP /OFF
```

and then install PCXDUMP again.

Option: /DISK=number
Usage: PCXDUMP [other options] /DISK=number

This is another way to "delay" the installation of INT 09H.

In fact this option "delays" the installation of both INT 08h and INT 09h.

In some programs (I have seen this in the WING COMMANDER game) its not possible to gain access to the keyboard even with the /TIME option. The reason for this is that the WING COMMANDER game takes complete control of both INT 08h and INT 09h **without** calling the original interrupt procedures.

My way of handling this is a bit tricky and may be unstable, but this is the only way I have come up with so far:

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1 When using the /TIME or /DISK options to delay the installation, PCXDUMP will now beep twice when it installs itself. This is a great help, since you now will know if was possible for PCXDUMP to take over INT 09h.

Instead of counting how many seconds it takes before the program is ready, you count how many times the program reads from the disk during startup (that is: how many times INT 13h is called). I have included a little TSR-program that counts exactly how many times INT 13h is called. This program is GETINT13.

You run GETINT13, start the program you wish to save images from. When it is loaded, exit the program. Back in the DOS again you press the hotkey to activate GETINT13 -> ALT+SHIFT+2 and GETINT13 will tell you how many times INT 13h was called.

Example:

When I wanted to save the logo from WING COMMANDER, I did this:

C:\>GETINT13 +<ENTER>

C:\>WC +<ENTER>

to start WING COMMANDER.

As soon as possible I quit WING COMMANDER by pressing ALT+X (I think). Back in DOS again I pressed ALT+SHIFT+2 to see how many times INT 13h has been called (about 190 as I remember). I then installed PCXDUMP:

C:\>PCXDUMP /DISK=150 /SHIFT=0 /HOTKEY=14

and started WING COMMANDER again.

When the logo appeared I pressed BackSpace which was the new hotkey for PCXDUMP. Well back in DOS again, it was no longer possible to activate PCXDUMP (for the same reasons as with the /TIME option).

But you can remove PCXDUMP from the memory with the option /OFF and the re-install PCXDUMP. Bear in mind that when using this option that although your computer can not be harmed in any way the risk for the computer to "hang" is present. But what the heck, at least you have now a chance to save your precious image.

As mentioned above, WING COMMANDER called INT 13h about 190 times, but I gave PCXDUMP the option /DISK=150. Remember that almost any program is loading a lot of data when started, at least it is loading itself, but it doesn't save the same amount of data when exiting, so therefor use a smaller number than GETINT13 tells you, since GETINT13 counts the total calls of INT 13h.

Option: /AUTODUMP

Usage: PCXDUMP [other options] /AUTODUMP

This option has no an effect unless it is used in conjunction with either the /DISK or /TIME option. If you install PCXDUMP with "/TIME=10 /AUTODUMP" this is what happens: after 10 seconds PCXDUMP will install its own keyboard rutine and will immediately start dumping the screen.

Option: /SHIFT=number

Usage: PCXDUMP [other options] /SHIFT=number

Instead of using the default hotkey sequence which is ALT+SHIFT+<some hotkey>, you can tell PCXDUMP to use any combination of the ALT, Left SHIFT and CTRL keys.

Number	Effect on hotkey sequence
0	No shift keys
1	Press (left) SHIFT
2	Press ALT
3	Press (left) SHIFT+ ALT
4	Press CTRL
5	Press (left) SHIFT + CTRL
6	Press ALT + CTRL
7	Press (left) SHIFT + ALT + CTRL

Option: /HOTKEY=scancode

Usage: PCXDUMP [other options] /HOTKEY=scancode

Instead of using the default hotkeys (C,E,N,R,I,G,H,T), you can tell PCXDUMP to use a custom hotkey.

When doing so all other hotkeys will be disabled and you will no longer be able to use the mouse or keyboard to cut out a piece of the screen. The image will be saved immediately and PCXDUMP will automatically determine to dump either a color or a monochrome image.

In Appendix A you will find a list of possible hotkey scancode.

If you don't have a standard keyboard or if you want to use a hotkey not listed in Appendix A, I have included a program SCANCODE which will help you.

Just run the program, press the key you want as hotkey and remember the scancode number (in decimal). Press ESC to exit the program. Use the scancode number you just saw when installing PCXDUMP.

Remember : the scancode must be in the range 1-88.

Option: /DIR=directory

Usage: PCXDUMP [other options] /DIR=directory

This option places the PCX-files (DUMP_000.PCX etc) in the specified directory instead of the current directory. Many programs have some data in other directories than the up-start directory, and this option saves you the trouble of tracking down the PCX-files after capturing the graphics.

Example:

```
PCXDUMP /DIR=C:\          ( Will place files in C:\ )
PCXDUMP /DIR=C:\PCX\   ( If C:\PCX\ exist then files will be put here )
```

Instead of writing /DIR=C:\PCX\ you can write /DIR=C:\PCX

Option: /WIDE

Usage: PCXDUMP [other options] /WIDE

If a program uses smooth scroll (that is, defines a virtual screen bigger than physical display), e.g. the COMMANDER KEEN series, you can set /WIDE, and PCXDUMP will try to dump the virtual screen instead of the physical screen (which is default). This option will not have any effect on an EGA-card since registers on this card are write-only.

Option: /CHIPSET=number
Usage: PCXDUMP [other options] /CHIPSET=number

If PCXDUMP somehow fails to recognize your video-adapter that you know is on the list, this is a way to force PCXDUMP to use it.

The number must be in the range 2-19:

Number	**Chipset**
0	Reserved
1	Reserved
2	EGA-card
3	VGA-card
4	ATI-vga
5	Trident
6	Genoa
7	Paradise
8	Tseng ET 3000
9	Tseng ET 4000
10	Tseng ET 4000 HiColor
11	OAK 37
12	OAK 67
13	Video 7
14	Ahead A
15	Ahead B
16	Chips & Tech 451
17	Chips & Tech 452
18	Chips & Tech 453
19	VESA

Option: /NOPEL
Usage: PCXDUMP [other options] /NOPEL

This option will prevent PCXDUMP to read a certain register on the graphics card (the horizontal pel panning register). Reading of this register sometimes blanks the screen while PCXDUMP is dumping graphics (normally the screen reappears when PCXDUMP has finished). This register determines exactly where the screen starts if there is smooth scrool involved (in a 16 color mode). If you explicitly tell PCXDUMP not to read this register, PCXDUMP will dump a picture which is 8 pixels wider than the physical display. Later you can cut out precisely the part of the picture you are interested in. This option has no effect, unless you have at least a VGA-card.

Option: /INT=number
Usage: PCXDUMP [other options] /INT=number

Use this option if you want to call PCXDUMP from other programs. You must call PCXDUMP from your program via an interrupt, which you specify here. This interrupt may be any interrupt of the following list:

5	78	99	129	134	140	242	247
50	79	100	130	135	141	243	249
69	96	101	131	137	142	244	252
76	97	102	132	138	143	245	253
77	98	105	133	139	241	246,	

If you have chosen, say, interrupt 5, you can call PCXDUMP from you own program, if you enter this piece of code in your program:

Turbo Pascal 4.0 - 5.5 code:

```
Procedure DumpScreen(Function:word);
Var Reg : registers;
begin
   Reg.AX := $1234;
   Reg.BX := Function;
   intr(5,Reg);
end;
```

Turbo Pascal 6.0 code:

```
Procedure DumpScreen(Function:word);Assembler;
Asm
   MOV AX,1234h
   MOV BX,Function
   INT 5
end;
```

Register AX must be $1234 or 1234h (hexadecimal), as this tells PCXDUMP that this interrupt is meant to dump the screen. If AX doesn't equal 1234h, PCXDUMP will ignore the interrupt and call the old interrupt. If you use interrupt 5 as the interrupt to call PCXDUMP and press the PrintScreen key which normally activates interrupt 5, PCXDUMP will not be activated since register AX is not $1234 (PCXDUMP will call the original interrupt which prints textscreen to the printer).

Register BX holds the function, you want performed. BX = 0 equals first hotkey "C", BX=1 equals hotkey "E" etc. BX = 5 equals hotkey "G".

Therefore BX must be in the range 0-7 ("C" - "T").

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  and it's mirror-sites
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  FTP-address: oak.oakland.edu in /pub/msdos/graphics

- **European users:**
  FTP-address: nic.funet.fi in /pub/msdos/graphics/graphics
  FTP-address: garbo.uwasa.fi in /pc/graphics

- **Danish users:**
  - JOSTI-BBS, Tlf: 47 38 05 24, N-8-1.
  - Prof ShareWare, Benløse Skel 4 G, 4100 Ringsted, Tlf: 53 61 90 42
  - Plus several other BBS around the country.

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APPENDIX A

These are the codes you may use with PCXDUMP's "/HOTKEY=scancode" parameter to change the hotkeys.

Key	Code	Key	Code	Key	Code	Key	Code
A	30	1	2	F1	59	Keypad plus	78
B	48	2	3	F2	60	Keypad minus	74
C	46	3	4	F3	61	Keypad 5	76
D	32	4	5	F4	62	Space	57
E	18	5	6	F5	63	BackSpace	14
F	33	6	7	F6	64	Enter	28
G	34	7	8	F7	65		
H	35	8	9	F8	66		
I	23	9	10	F9	67		
J	36	0	11	F10	68		
K	37	’	41	F11	87		
L	38	-	12	F12	88		
M	50	=	13				
N	49	,	51	Tab	15		
O	24	.	52	Esc	1		
P	25	/	53				
Q	16	;	39				
R	19						
S	31	[	26				
T	20	]	27				
U	22	\	43				
V	47						
W	17						
X	45						
Y	41						
Z	42						

APPENDIX B

For those who are curious, Version 6.00 of PCXDUMP contains the following additions and improvements over previous versions.

Version 6.00

- PCXDUMP is now menu-controlled. All options, such as hotkeys and videoadapter can be seen and set on screen. This means that it is very easy to compose a complicated installation. It is still possible to install PCXDUMP via "command line switches".
- Two new hotkeys 'G' and 'H'. 'G' will convert the image to a grayscale image (provided the screen mode is color with at least 4 colors and at most 256 colors). 'H' will produce an inverted grayscale image.
- New option /WIDE. If a program uses smooth scroll (that is, defines a virtual screen bigger than physical display), e.g. the COMMANDER KEEN series, you can set /WIDE, and PCXDUMP will try to dump the virtual screen instead of the physical screen. This option will not have any effect on an EGA-card since registers on this card are write-only.
- New option /AUTODUMP. This option has no effect unless it is used in conjunction with either the /DISK or /TIME option. If you install PCXDUMP with "/TIME=10 /AUTODUMP" this is what happens: after 10 seconds PCXDUMP will install its own keyboard rutine and will immediately start dumping the screen.
- A small sound improvement. No matter how fast your computer is, the beeps should now be of the same duration as on slower PCs.
- New option /INT=number. It is possible to use PCXDUMP from another program. You specify here which interrupt PCXDUMP must use, when called from another program.
- New hotkey 'T'. This hotkey enables registered users to dump a textscreen to a text-file.

Version 5.00

- If you install PCXDUMP with a delay with the /TIME or /DISK option, PCXDUMP will now beep when it takes over the INT 09h or/and INT 08h.
- It is now possible to capture graphics in virtually any program or game. I have had some problems with a number of Apogee game, such as Commander Keen and many commercial games, such as A10 Tank Killer V 1.5. or Lemmings. However, these programs represent different problems. Games such as Keen and Lemmings define a "virtual" screen, which is much bigger than the actuel resolution. This is how they make the impressive smooth scrool in all directions. Games like A10 Tank Killer and many others (new ones) uses a trick to gain four videopages on a standard VGA display card to obtain smooth animation with page flipping. Needless to say, PCXDUMP will now work in these modes, but since detecting and manipulation of these special videomodes depend heavily on register readings/writings, PCXDUMP will not recognize these modes unless your videocard is at least a VGA-card. Reason: on an EGA-card, all registers are write-only!
- Actually some programs use a special mode (X) on a VGA-card: 320 x 240 x 256. This mode provides square pixels and 2 display pages on a standard VGA card. PCXDUMP is able to handle this mode as well. The most tricky game is BANANOID (a freeware game) that uses mode X, but defines a virtual screen about 500 pixels

wide and with smooth horizontal scroll. PCXDUMP is now able of capturing screens from such nasty programs as well.

- A new option: /NOPEL. This option will prevent PCXDUMP to read a certain register on the graphics card. Reading of this register sometimes blanks the screen while PCXDUMP is dumping graphics (normally the screen reappears when PCXDUMP has finished). This register determines exactly where the screen starts if there is smooth scrool involved (in a 16 color mode). If you explicitly tell PCXDUMP not to read this register, PCXDUMP will dump a picture which is 8 pixels wider than the physical display. Later you can cut out precisely the part of the picture you are interested in.
- PCXDUMP will now recognize and use VESA-cards.
- All these new options will only use additional 400 bytes !
- The registered version of PCXDUMP will now capture all these SuperVGA hires text modes, such as 132x25, 80x60, 132x44 or 100x40 etc.

Version 4.02

- It is no longer possible to use the mouse, while PCXDUMP is dumping data to a file!
- In 16 colors VGA text PCXDUMP used a fixed palette; now it uses the correct colors, even if it is a custom colorpalette.

Version 4.0

- The registered version of PCXDUMP 4.0 will now capture screen in textmodes. Both in color and in black and white.
- Internal buffersize is now increased to 3600 bytes for better performance. PCXDUMP therefore uses more memory now than previous versions. This turned out to be necessary to make PCXDUMP handle 32768 colors.
- Ahead A/B chipset is now recognized.
- The routine to recognize Chips & Technology chipsets is improved.
- On TSENG HiColor cards, PCXDUMP can be used in the 1280x1024x16 mode incl. all modes with 32768 colors.
- On ATI-WONDER cards, PCXDUMP can be used in the 640x480x32768 colors mode.
- On Paradise cards, PCXDUMP can handle the 640x480x32768 and 800x600x32768 modes incl. the 1024x768x256 mode.
- PCXDUMP can now be used in CGA mode: 04h = 320x200x4, 05h = 320x200x4, 06h = 640x200x2. PCXDUMP, however, still requires minimum an EGA-card to be installed.
- It is now possible to adjust framesize without a mouse, using SPACE and the arrowkeys instead.
- PCXDUMP now releases the environment copy.
- Improved check for pop-up in busy situations. E.g. PCXDUMP will not pop up as long as INT 13h is active.
- The normal hotkey sequence is now ALT+SHIFT (left shift). Previous versions used ALT+CTRL as the hotkey sequence.
- There was a minor problem with the EGA-palette in mode 0Dh (320x200x16) and mode 0Eh (640x200x16). In these two modes the palette is a fixed 16 colors palette (and not as in mode 10h 16 colors out of 64). This has now been fixed.

- PCXDUMP will now beep a low and long tone if the hotkeys are pressed in an unsupported videomode.
- PCXDUMP now reads command-line parameters.

  /ON is necessary to install PCXDUMP (only if none of the other options are used).

  /OFF will remove PCXDUMP from the memory.

  /NOSOUND tells PCXDUMP not to make any sounds.

  /TIME=number tells PCXDUMP to delay installation of INT 09h number seconds.

  /DISK=number tells PCXDUMP to delay installation of INT 08h by number calls to INT 13h. INT 09H will be installed 3 sec. after INT 08H.

  /SHIFT=number. It is now possible to choose between ALT, SHIFT and CTRL in the hotkey sequence.

  /HOTKEY=number. You can tell PCXDUMP to use you custom hotkey. All other hotkeys will be disabled. PCXDUMP will automatically determine to dump either a color or a monochrome image.

  /CHIPSET=number. Force PCXDUMP to use a certain chipset. See PCXDUMP.DOC for details.

  /DIR=directory. Will tell PCXDUMP to put the PCX-files in this directory instead of in the current directory.

APPENDIX C.

STATISTICS OF PCXDUMP.

PCXDUMP works very well with these programs.

ProgramName	Options	ProgramName	Options
Police Quest 1-3	/On	Thunderblade	/Time=30
Space Quest 1-4	/On	F15	/On
Larrys Quest 1-5	/On	Thunderstrike	/On
Attack sub 688	/On	Gunship 2000	/on
Elite Plus	/Time=30	Links Golf	/Time=60
4D Drive	/Time=30	4D Boxing	/Time=30
Budokan	/Time=30	Wing Commander I	/Disk=150
Viking	/Time=30	Wing Commander II	/Disk=350
Ventura 2.0	/On	Hero's Quest	/On
Das Boot	/Disk=60	Deja Vu II	/On
DrawPerfect	/On	WordPerfect	/On
California Games II	/Time=15	Mutant N. Turtles II	/On
Jetfighter II	/Time=30	Hyper Speed	/On
PC Paint	/On	WolfPack	/Time=20
Test Drive III	/Time=10	Battle Chess	/On
Mean Street	/Time=15	Eye of the beholder	/Time=20
F 117A	/On	Dragon (Roleplay)	/On
Autodesk Animator	/On	Ultima 6	/On
Face Off	/Time=10	Terminator II	/On
A10 Version 1.5	/Time=20	Cosmo #1	/Time=15
Commander Keen 4	/Time=15	Blues Brothers	/Time=10
Willy Beamish	/Time=20	Supaplex	/Disk=100
Bananoid	/On	Speedball II	/On
Lemmings II	/Disk=28	Hill Street Blues	/Time=30
Goblins	/Time=20	SimEarth	/On
Historix	/Time=20	Jumpman Lives	/Time=10
Xenon II	/Time=20	Secret Agent	/Time=15
Crystal Caves	/On	Paganitzu	/Time=45
Wolfenstein 3D	/Time=15	Pushover	/On

(Wolfenstein seems to crash after a few succesfull screendumps)

APPENDIX D.

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I wish to license _____ copy/copies of the latest release of the PCXDUMP program. I have enclosed the amount of money as indicated by the table below (Prices subject to change.)

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For at registrere sig skal man indsætte et beløb, svarende til ens ordre (se nedenstående tabel), på:

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