NAME

xcutsel – interchange between cut buffer and selection

SYNOPSIS

xcutsel [*-toolkitoption...*] [**-selection** *selection*] [**-cutbuffer** *number*]

DESCRIPTION

The **xcutsel** program is used to copy the current selection into a cut buffer and to make a selection that contains the current contents of the cut buffer. It acts as a bridge between applications that don't support selections and those that do.

By default, **xcutsel** will use the selection named PRIMARY and the cut buffer CUT_BUFFER0. Either or both of these can be overridden by command line arguments or by resources.

An **xcutsel** window has the following buttons:

quit When this button is pressed, **xcutsel** exits. Any selections held by **xcutsel** are automatically released.

copy PRIMARY to 0
When this button is pressed, **xcutsel** copies the current selection into the cut buffer.

copy 0 to PRIMARY
When this button is pressed, **xcutsel** converts the current contents of the cut buffer into the selection.

The button labels reflect the selection and cutbuffer selected by command line options or through the resource database.

When the ''copy 0 to PRIMARY'' button is activated, the button will remain inverted as long as **xcutsel** remains the owner of the selection. This serves to remind you which client owns the current selection. Note that the value of the selection remains constant; if the cutbuffer is changed, you must again activate the copy button to retrieve the new value when desired.

OPTIONS

xcutsel accepts all of the standard X Toolkit command line options as well as the following:

–**selection** *name*
This option specifies the name of the selection to use. The default is PRIMARY. The only supported abbreviations for this option are ''-select'', ''-sel'' and ''-s'', as the standard toolkit option ''-selectionTimeout'' has a similar name.

–**cutbuffer** *number*
This option specifies the cut buffer to use. The default is cut buffer 0.

X DEFAULTS

This program accepts all of the standard X Toolkit resource names and classes as well as:

selection (class **Selection)**
This resource specifies the name of the selection to use. The default is PRIMARY.

cutBuffer (class **CutBuffer)**
This resource specifies the number of the cut buffer to use. The default is 0.

WIDGET NAMES

The following instance names may be used when user configuration of the labels in them is desired:

sel-cut (class **Command)**
This is the ''copy SELECTION to BUFFER'' button.

cut-sel (class **Command)**
This is the ''copy BUFFER to SELECTION'' button.

quit (class **Command)**
This is the ''quit'' button.

SEE ALSO

xclipboard(1), **xterm**(1)
text widget documentation, individual client documentation for how to make a selection.

BUGS

There is no way to change the name of the selection or the number of the cut buffer while the program is running.

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