
PlexWare Basic Operations Guide

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Summary

Welcome to K-Plex's Plexware. Plexware is an easy and powerful web based environment, that will let you customize information from the internet. This unique environment will let you organize and refine information from the internet, in the various ways the application provides. This method of customizing and refining the information into workable entities is called 'Plexklips'.



Important: This manual explains only the basic operations of using PlexKlips. These operations are pretty standard and should work with any PlexWare application. For additional information, please refer to the PlexWare Users Manual.

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Klip Menus and Operations

Overview

Plexware is a robust web based platform that enables the user to easily exchange, modify, and share objects that are used for customizing user interface and refining data over the internet. These objects are known as PlexKlips or Klips.

PlexKlips are entities of data or information that you as the user will create and use. For example, you can get a Microsoft weekly stock price, create its weekly closing price Klip, and generate its Line Chart. You can make changes to this Klip and save it as a new Klip for comparison or distribution (Check Figure 1 below). The possibilities are endless.

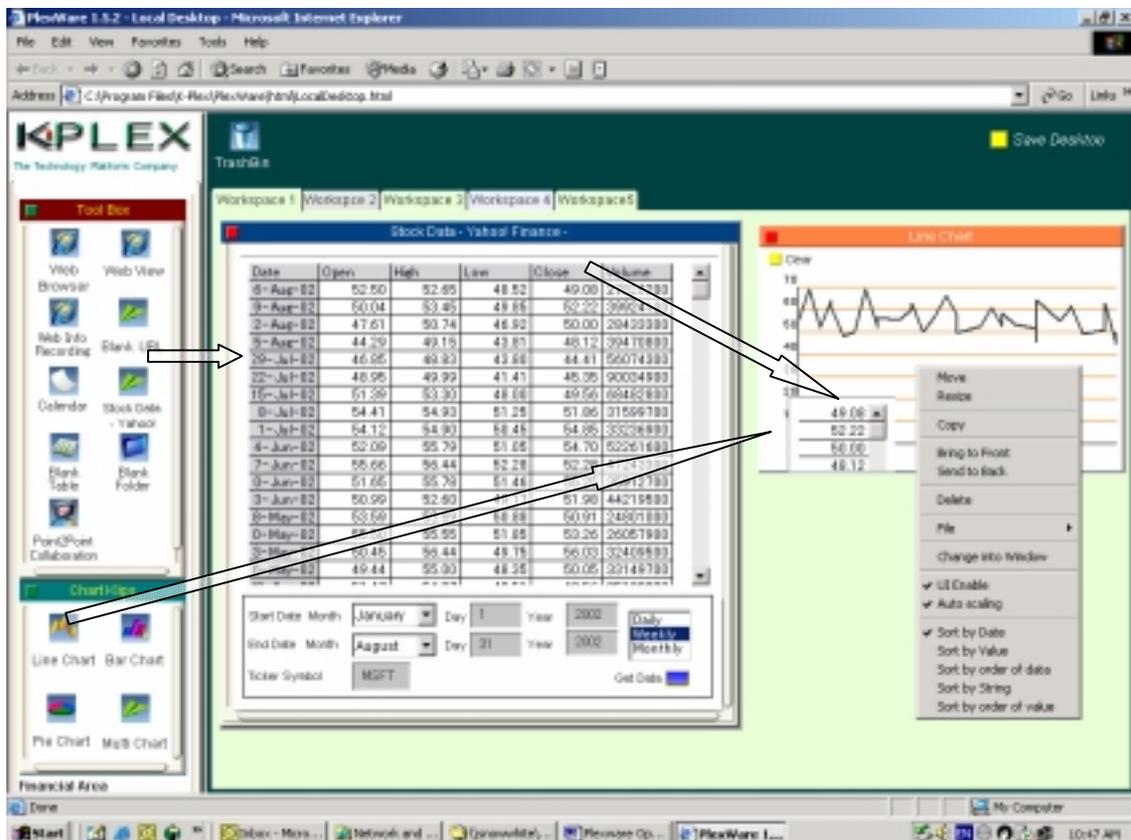


Figure 1: Example – Microsoft weekly closing chart

To open a stock data for review, follow the steps below:

1. Drag the Stock Data – Yahoo!  icon from the Tool Box to the workspace area.
2. Fill in the Start Date Month, End Date Month, Ticker Symbol.
3. Select Daily, Weekly or Monthly.
4. Click Get Data
The data appears for the ticker symbol you entered.

5. Drag a Line Chart Klip to the workspace area if you want to see the data in a graphical format.
6. Drag the closing column from the Stock Data into the Line Chart Klip (line chart is shown in the example in Fig 1).
The chart is created with the data you dragged in.
7. Right-clicking on the Klip will bring up its popup menu with options such as move, resize, Bring to Front etc. for easier viewing of the Klips.

PlexWare Environment

PlexWare can be accessed as a HTML file from anywhere using MS Internet Explorer. PlexWare can also be opened in any Windows applications like MS Word. For example, when you save a Stock Klip from the PlexWare environment, it can be opened in MS Word as a Live File with the updated stock quotes (See figure 3). This gives you the option to use this file in any number of ways you want.

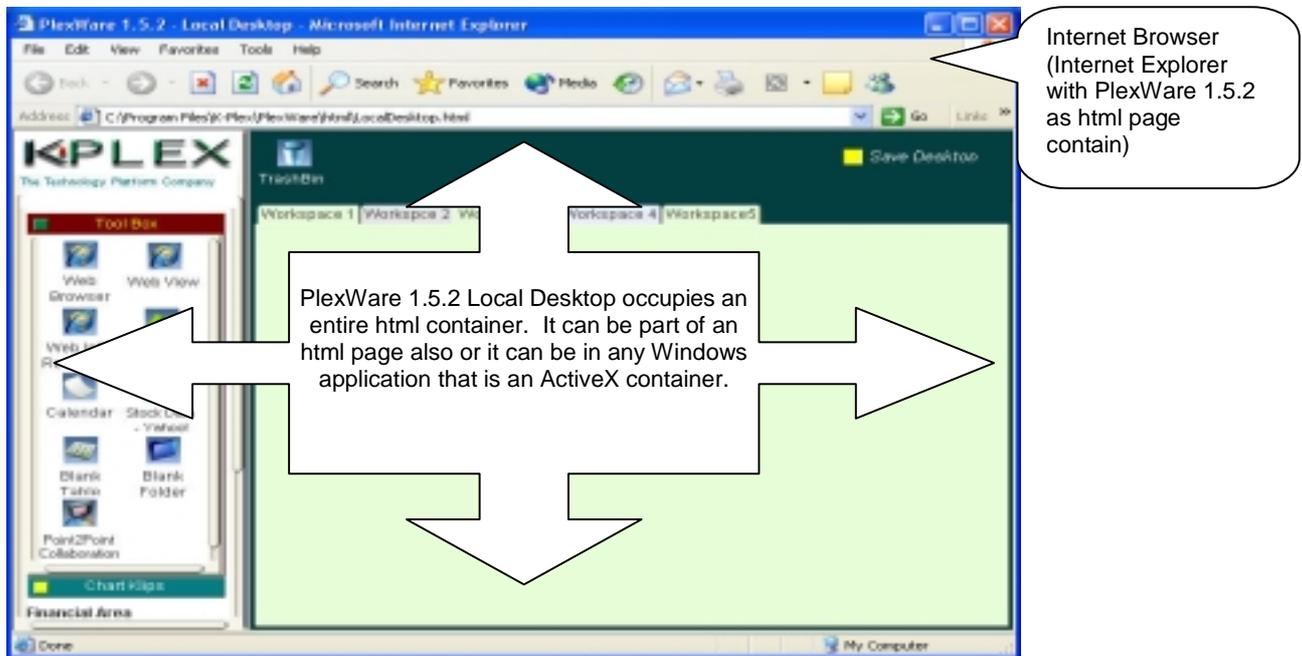


Figure 2: PlexWare Interface

To open PlexWare in MS Word, follow the steps below:

1. Open MS Word.
2. Click Insert>Object>vokControl Class
This opens the PlexWare kernel in MS Word.
3. Click File>Open.
4. Select the file you saved from your PlexWare environment.
5. The file opens as a dynamically updated file.

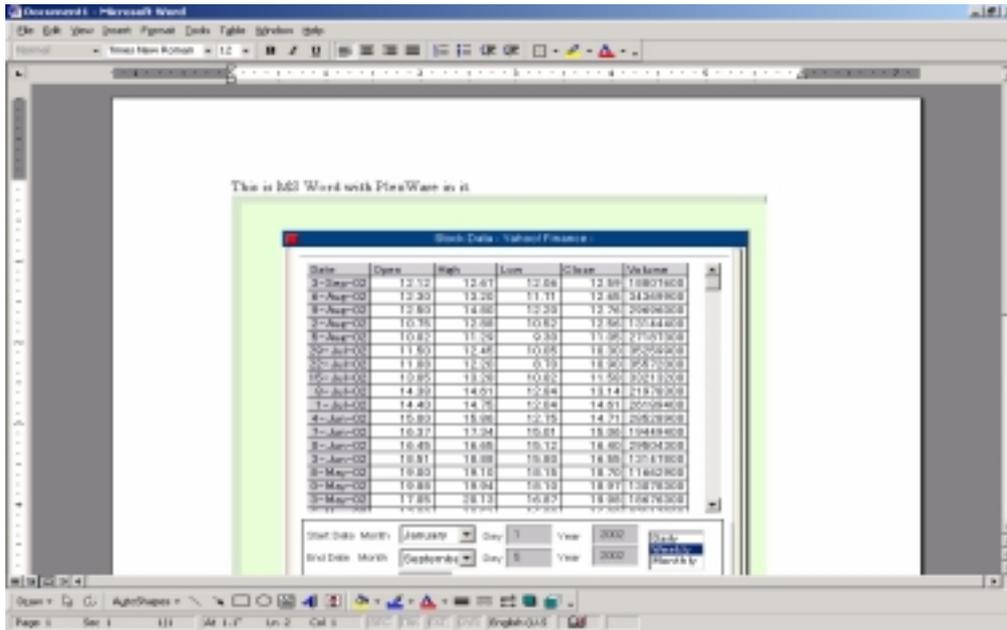
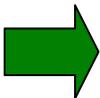


Figure 3: MS Word in PlexWare

Basic Commands to use a Klip

As a PlexWare user, you have the following seven basic commands to operate with the PlexKlip in the PlexWare environment:

- Move
- Resize
- Copy
- Bring to Front
- Send to Back
- Delete
- File



Important: Before you start using these standard basic commands, you need to be familiar with the PlexWare environment (see figure below). To execute a command, right clicking on the Klip will bring up the popup menus. Some commands can be executed using the mouse drag and drop operation also. Some of the commands will be disabled because the application designer protects the command from the end user.

For example, the Yahoo Big Chart Klip has the resize command grayed out. The reason for this is the application designer has protected the resize operation from the end user for this Klip. But, in the Web View Klip the resize command is enabled which allows the user to resize this Klip.

Move

The Move function lets you move the Klip within and between the PlexWare environment. You can move one Klip around or into another Klip. If you are moving a Klip into another Klip, you may experience some of the following effects:

- The Klip being moved is pasted from one parent Klip to another parent Klip

- If the parent Klip prevents its child Klip from moving, then this operation will not work
- If the parent Klip is protected from any child being pasted on it, then this operation will not work
- If the child Klip is prevented from being pasted anywhere, then this operation will not work

To move a Klip, you can use the Move command or use the mouse to drag and drop.



Figure 4: Move a Klip

Note: Some Klips might use the mouse operation for other purposes. If this is the case, it cannot be moved using the mouse operation.

Resize

The Resize function modifies the size of the Klip.

To Resize a Klip, use the Resize command or use the mouse to drag and modify the size.



Figure 5: Resize a Klip

Note: Some Klips might use the mouse operation for other purposes. If this is the case, it cannot be moved using the mouse operation.

Copy

Use the Copy command to copy a Klip and all its properties. Right-click on the desired Klip and select copy. The selected Klip and its properties are automatically copied.

Note: Although the copied Klip is in the same parent Klip, the two Klips are not connected. They have separate properties.

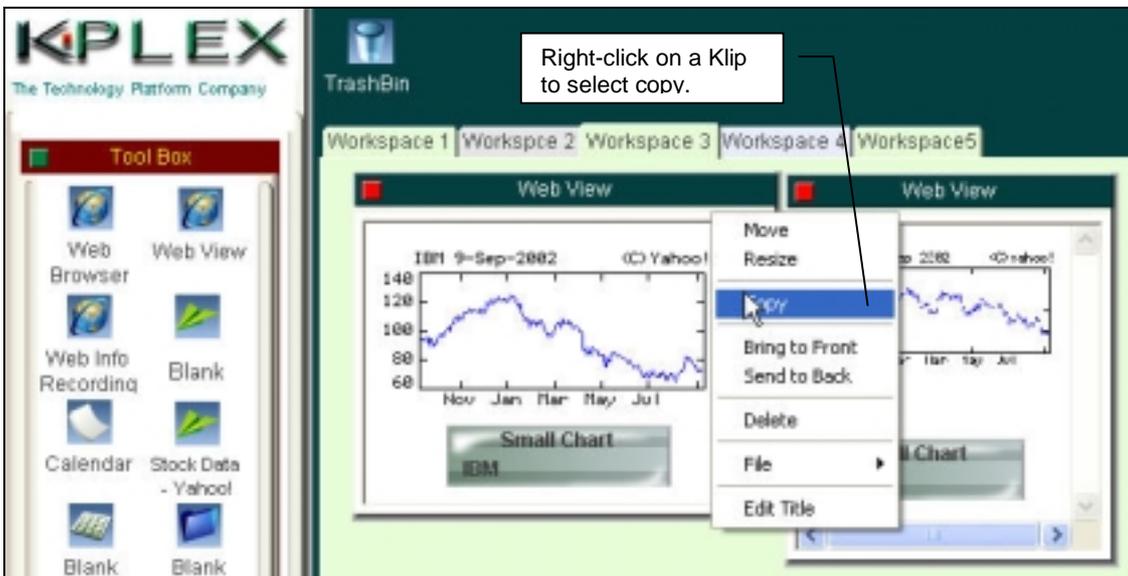


Figure 6: Copy a Klip

Bring to Front

Bring to Front places the selected Klip in front of its sibling Klips.

You can use the Bring to Front command from the pop-up menu by right-clicking on the Klip and selecting the Bring to Front menu item. You can also use the mouse click feature to overlap your Klips.

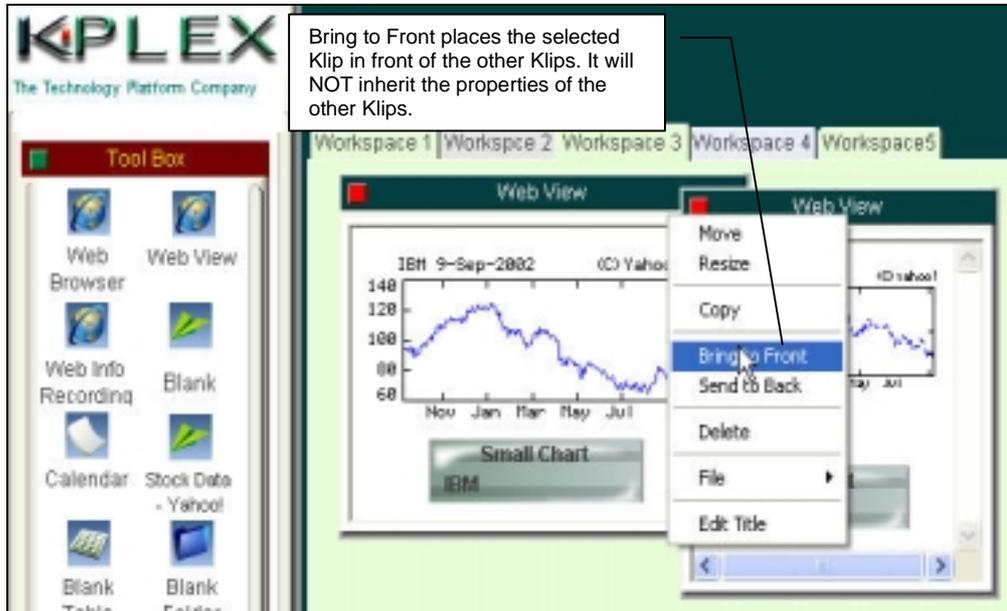


Figure 7: Bring to Front

Send to Back

Send to Back sets the display of the selected Klip at the back of its sibling.

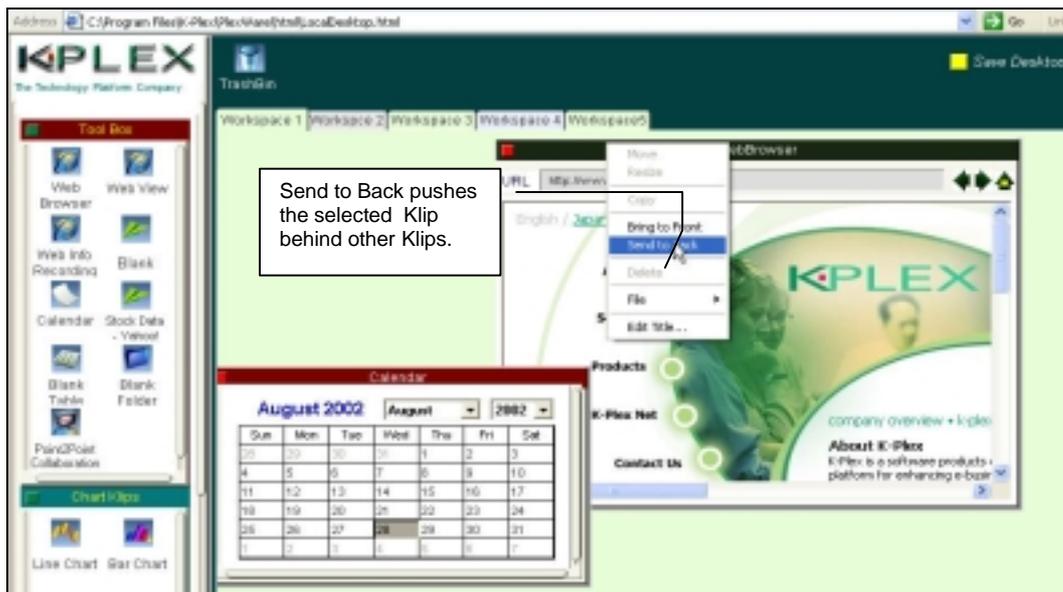


Figure 8: Send to Back

Delete

Delete moves the selected Klip to the TrashBin, if the TrashBin Klip is available in the application. The Klip is stored in the TrashBin until the TrashBin is emptied. When you delete a parent Klip, the child Klip will also be deleted.

You can either use the Delete command from the popup menu, by right-clicking on the Klip and selecting the Delete menu item or just by dragging the Klip and dropping it in the TrashBin.

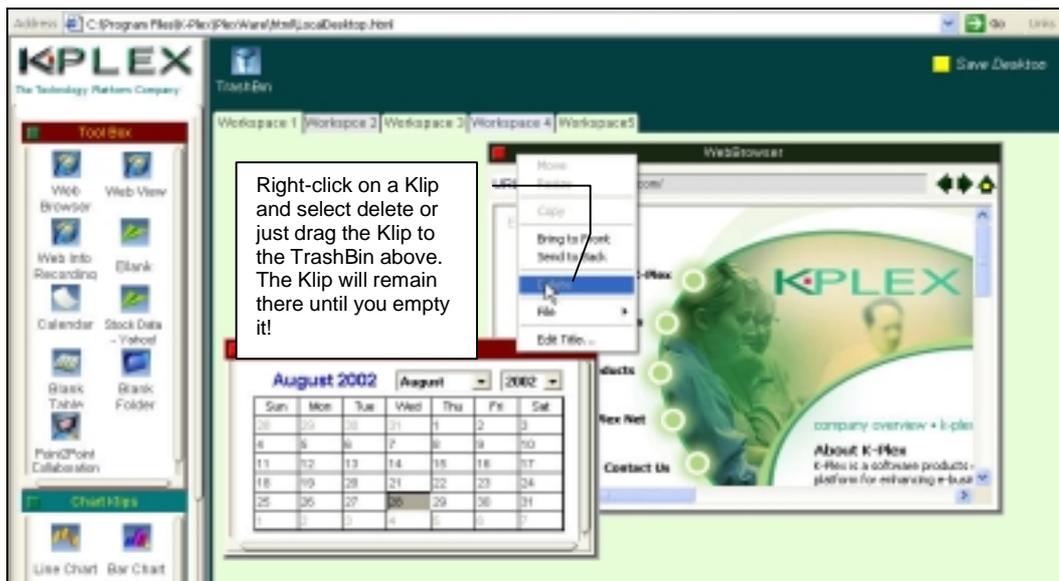


Figure 9: Delete a Klip

File > Save As...

A Klip can be saved as either a .pvo file or a .xml file. The default for saving a file is .pvo. Click on the Klip, and select File > Save As from the popup menu. Type in the name of your file and click save.

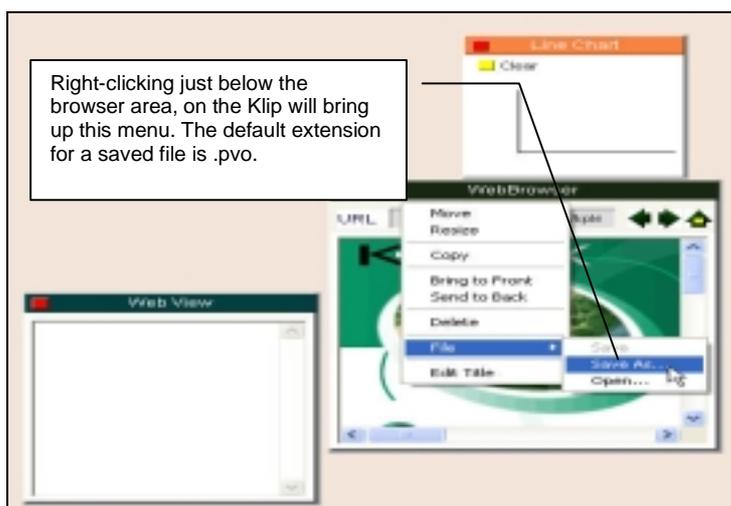


Figure 10: Save As

File > Save

Selecting File > Save from the popup menu will save the Klip back to the file. This Save command is enabled if the Klip was loaded from the file using the File>Open Command.

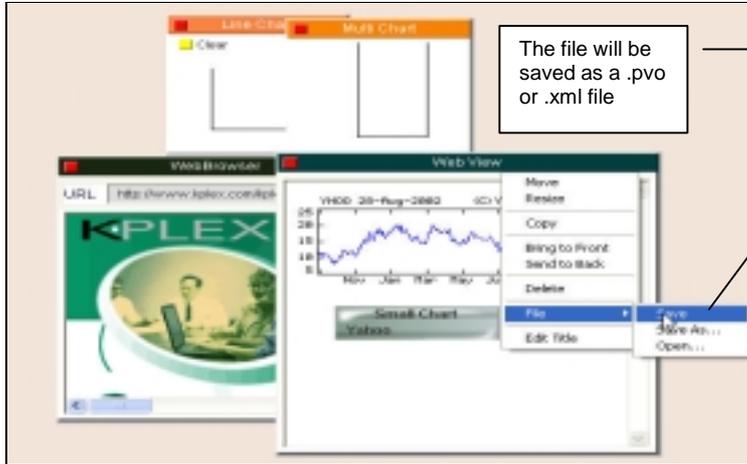


Figure 11: Save a Klip

File > Open

Right-click on the Klip, to bring up the popup menu. Select File > Open to open any of your saved files. The file will be loaded and the Klip will be created as the child of the loading Klip.



Figure 12: Open a Klip