

Chapter III-1 — Notebooks

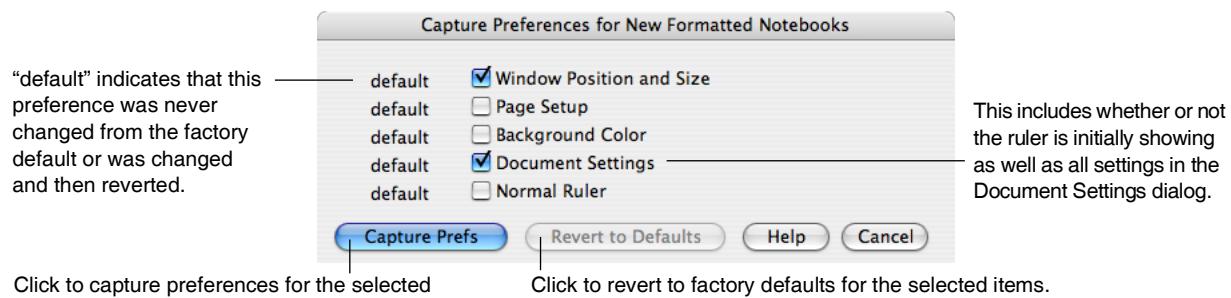
You will need to replace “putGraphicNameHere” with the name of a picture. Use the Pictures dialog, via the Misc menu, to see what named pictures are stored in the current experiment or to add a named picture. See **Pictures** on page III-509 for more information.

There is a shortcut that generates commands without going through the dialog. Select some text in the notebook, press Option (*Macintosh*) or Alt (*Windows*) and choose Copy from the Edit menu. This generates commands for the selected text and text formats. Press the Shift-Option (*Macintosh*) or Shift+Alt (*Windows*) to also generate document and ruler commands.

Notebook Preferences

The notebook preferences affect the creation of *new* notebooks. There is one set of preferences for plain notebooks and another set of preferences for formatted notebooks.

To set notebook preferences, set the attributes of any notebook of the desired type (plain or formatted) and then use the Capture Notebook Prefs item in the Notebook menu.



To determine what the preference settings are you must create a new notebook and examine its settings.

Notebook windows each have their own Page Setup values. New notebook windows will have their own copy of the captured Page Setup values.

Preferences are stored in the Igor Preferences file. See Chapter III-18, **Preferences**, for further information on preferences.

Notebook Template Files

A template notebook provides a way to customize the initial contents of a new notebook. When you open a template notebook, Igor opens it normally but leaves it untitled and disassociates it from the template notebook file. This leaves you with a new notebook based on your prototype. When you save the untitled notebook, Igor creates a new notebook file.

Template notebooks have ".ift" as the file name extension instead of ".ifn".

To make a template notebook, start by creating a prototype formatted text notebook with whatever contents you would like in a new notebook.

Choose File→Save Notebook As, choose IGOR Formatted Notebook Template from the file type pop-up menu, and save the template notebook.

You can convert an existing formatted text notebook file into a template file by changing the extension from ".ifn" to ".ift".

The Macintosh Finder's file info window has a Stationery Pad checkbox. Checking it turns a file into a stationery pad. When you double-click a stationery pad file, Mac OS X creates a copy of the file and opens the copy. For most uses, the template technique is more convenient.