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Overview

This document describes the enhancements and bug fixes that are planned for the next production release of APL64.

Interpreter Modifications

[□wi improvements](#)

□wi system in APL64 was redesigned for better performance and a more responsive Windows-targeted application GUI.

[APL64 Colossal file functions were ported to APL64 from APLNow32](#)

Add support for case sensitive file systems in cross-platform-targeted applications.

[□tt32 System Function: High-Resolution Timer Tick Count for APLNow32 operations](#)

Purpose: Returns the number of ticks for all APLNow32 operations (□wi and □wcall) since the start of the APL64 session to the time the value of □tt32 was obtained.

Refer to the topic □tt32 in the **Help | APL Language | APL64 System Functions** in APL64 for the details.

[□ZIP system function](#)

The □ZIP APL64 system function is an interface to the cross-platform compatible [.Net System.IO.Compression](#) tools. The □ZIP system function actions involve zip-format files. Since file operations are involved, the user's workstation credentials must be appropriate for the actions to be performed by □ZIP.

Refer to the topic □zip in **Help | APL Language | Using □ZIP** in APL64 for the details.

[System variable □SYS\[21\] value is 1 when the APL64 is runtime](#)

When APL64 is running as a WRE (Windows runtime executable) or a CPC (Cross platform), the value of □SYS[21] is 1.

[\)RSAVE system command now reports DEPRECATED FEATURE](#)

)RSAVE system command is deprecated in APL64. This message is more descriptive than INCORRECT COMMAND. Use the **Options | Create .Net Runtime Assembly | Create Windows Runtime Executable** utility instead.

[□ROWFIND performance improved when the left and right arguments are in □AV](#)

[□SKD: ToFile/FromFile actions removed](#)

Microsoft has deprecated these actions, so they're no longer supported in □SKD. Use the FromFileXml and ToFileXML □SKD actions instead. Before updating APL64, use the □SKD 'FromFile' action followed by the □SKD 'ToFileXml' action to convert any stored □SKD dictionaries to the XML format.

□STRING updated

- □String '?' documentation summary corrected
- A □String action which accepts a String left argument will also accept a rank 0 or 1 character value left argument, which is converted to a String.
- A □String action which accepts a String[] vector left argument will also accept a vector left argument with elements which can be a string scalar or rank 0 or 1, character values which are converted to String.

□WA operates faster

The enhancement speeds up the performance of □wa to estimate available workspace memory.

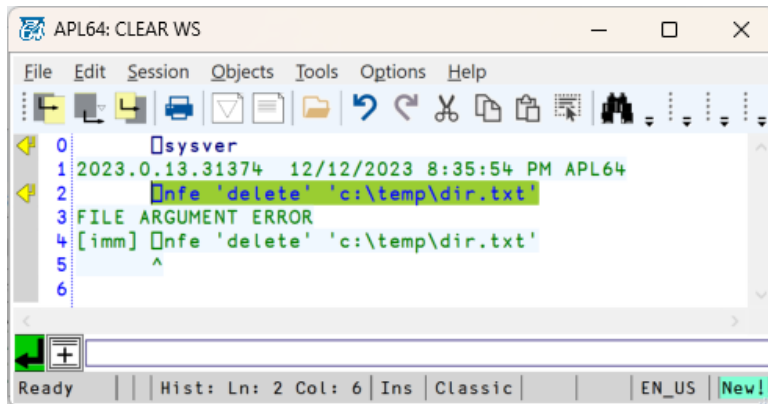
Enhanced □wa to avoid doing garbage collection (workspace compaction) to estimate available workspace memory

□ARABOUT and □PR system variables now report DEPRECATED FEATURE

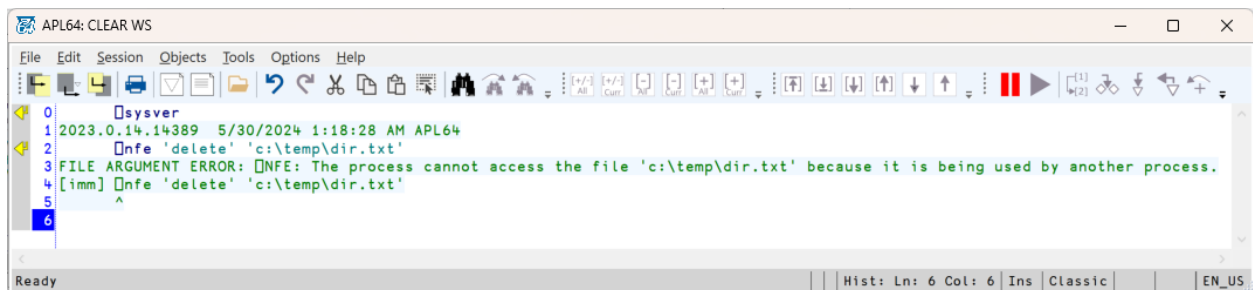
□arabout and □pr are legacy system variables are deprecated in APL64. In APL64 the result of Quote-Quad query or input never includes the programmer-defined prompt text.

□nfe 'delete' action exception message improved

Behavior in the prior version:



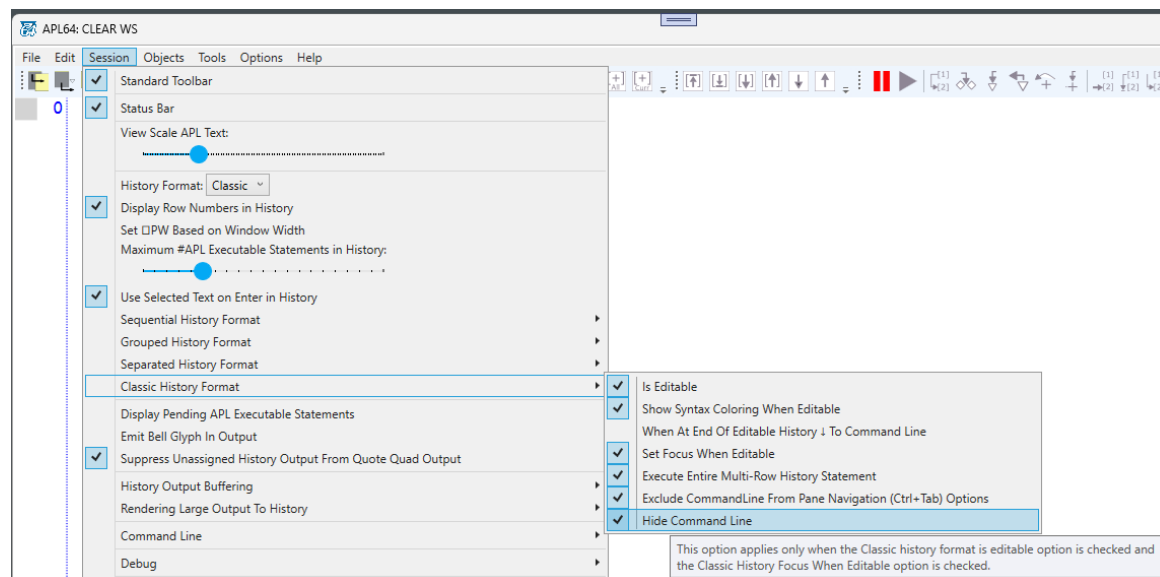
New behavior in this version:



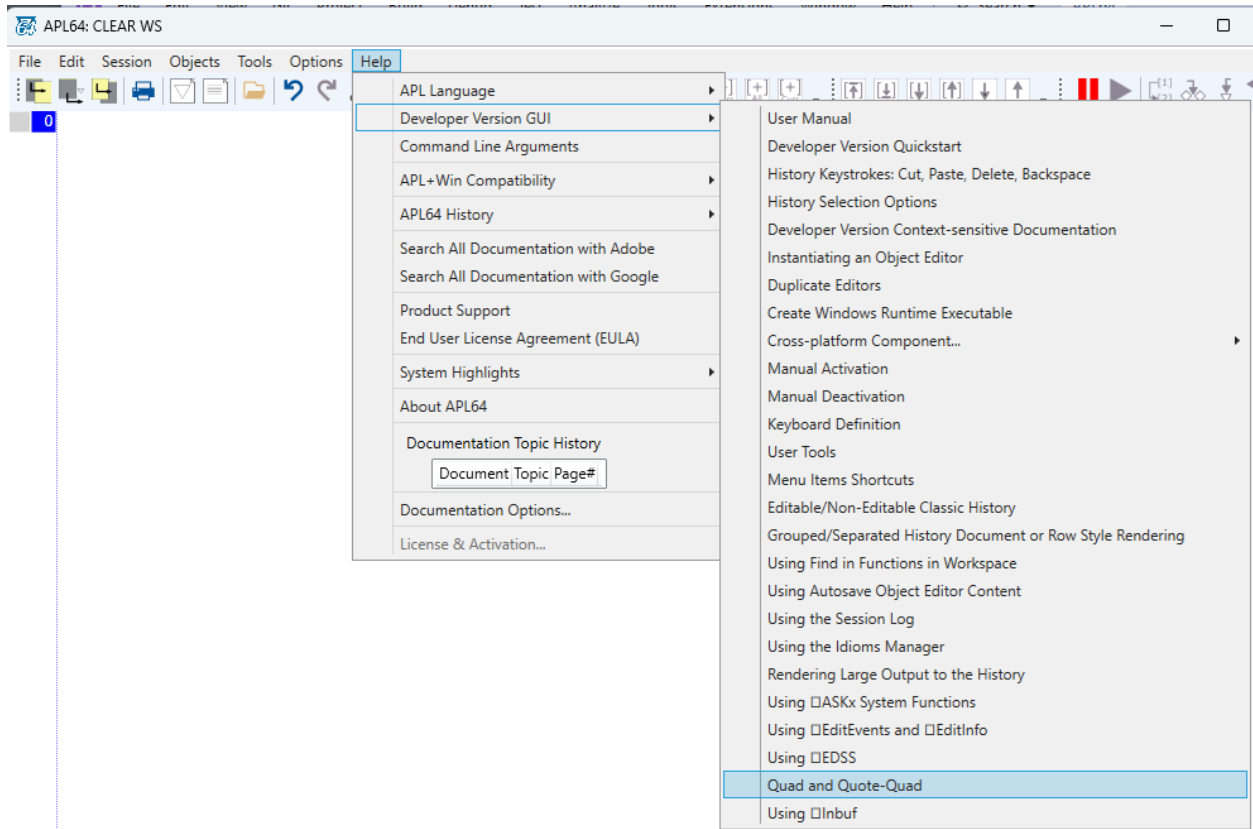
APL64 Developer Version GUI Modifications

Option to Hide APL Command Line

Initial versions of the APL64 developer version Quad and Quote-Quad input were dependent on the Command Line in the APL64 Developer version. This dependency has been eliminated, so that the APL64 programmer may hide the Command Line (only when the editable Classic history format is used) by enabling the menu item **Session | Classic History Format | Hide Command Line**.



Providing an option to suppress the command line required modifications to the behavior of quad and quote-quad in APL64. Review the **Help | Developer Version GUI | Quad and Quote-Quad** programmer documentation for important information and examples.



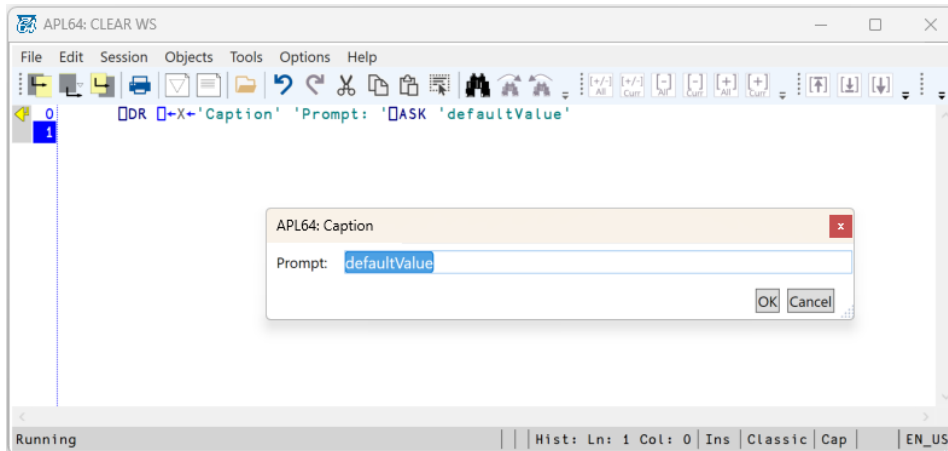
Option to suppress callback information in the history pane

Use the APL64 system command 'output nocallback' to suppress callback information in the APL64 developer version history pane. In APL64 callbacks generate information with an **>[object;event]** prefix on the executable statement which caused the callback. Displaying this cause-and-effect information maintains an accurate history of what occurred in an APL64 instance. Callbacks include execution of a user-entered APL executable statement, interpreter callbacks, invocation of a user-defined tool and ☐wi events.

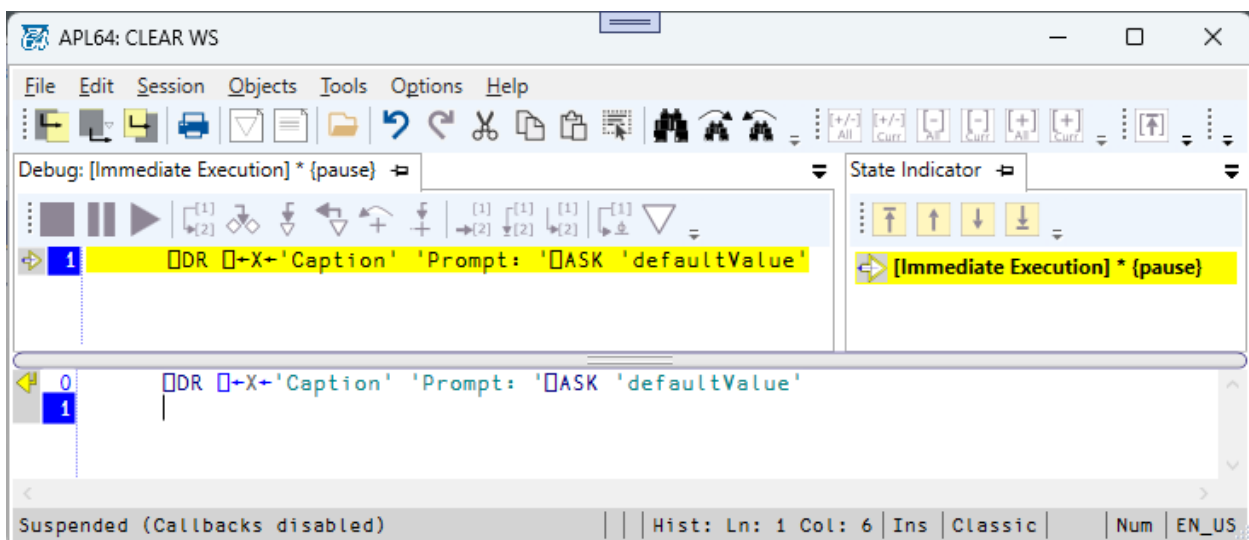
Cancel option for Quad-input, Quote-quad input, and ☐ASKxx dialogs

☐DR ☐←X←'Caption' 'Prompt: '☐ASK 'defaultValue'

Before the user closes the dialog:



After the user closes the dialog using the Cancel button:



Bookmarks are supported in the Editable Classic History Format

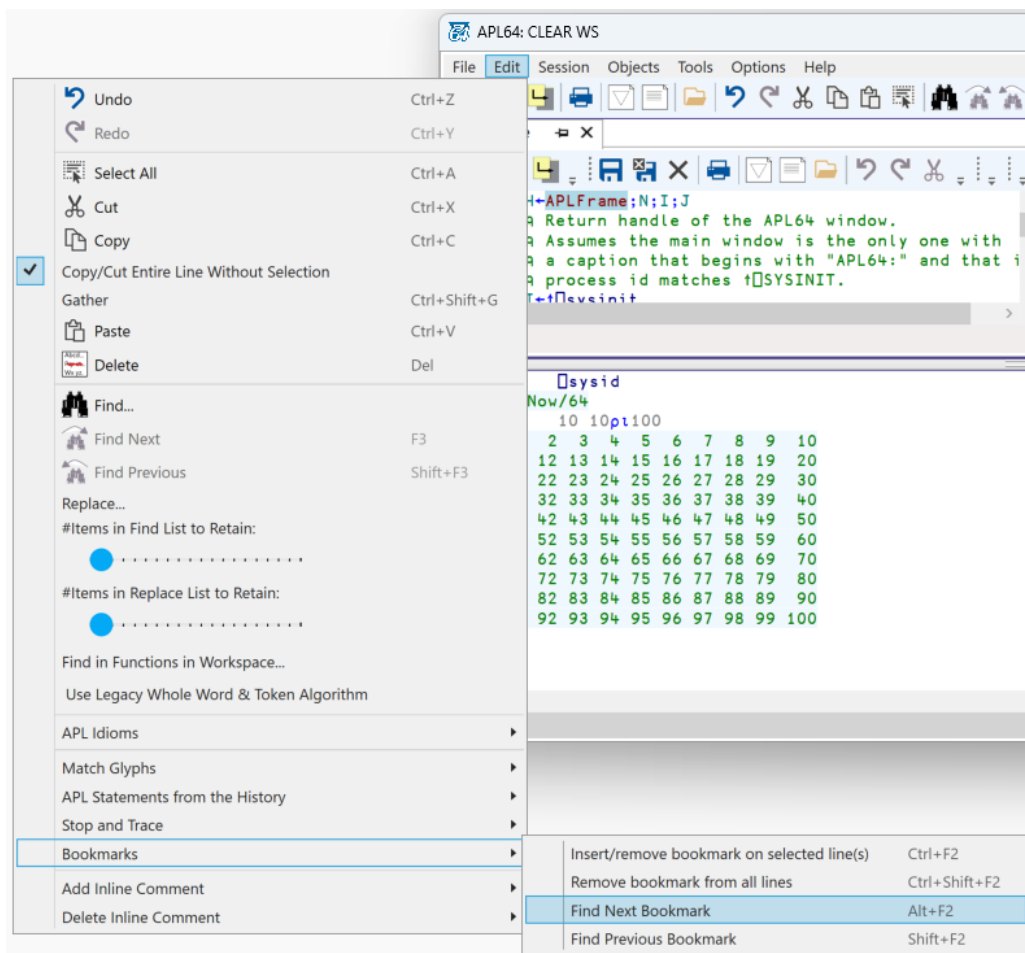
This feature is available when enabling the menu item **Session | Classic History Format | Show Syntax Coloring When Editable**.

The editable classic History supports the **Session | Use Selected Text on Enter in History** menu

This setting controls the behavior for selected and unselected text in the editable classic history when Enter or Return is pressed.

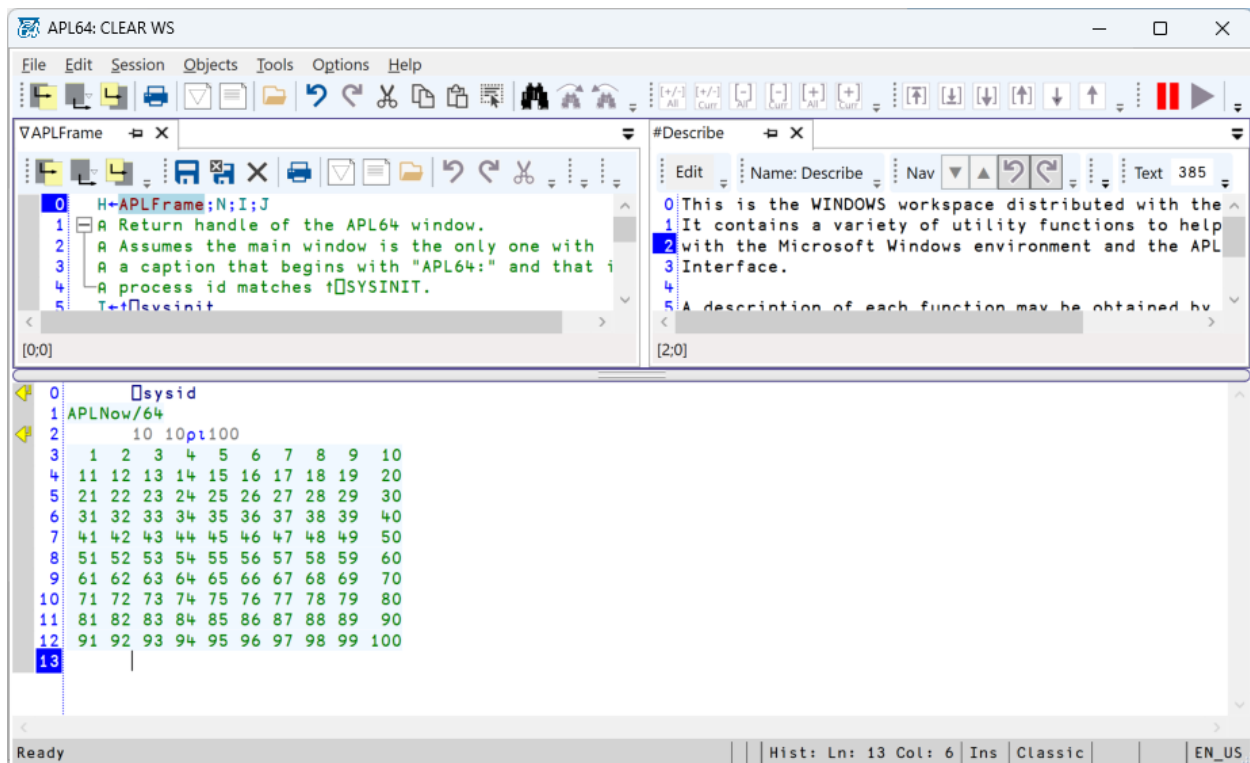
'Find Next Bookmark' keyboard shortcut modified to Alt+F2 from F2

The purpose of this change was to support the keyboard shortcut in the Sequential history format.



Line number display in the history pane and object editors have been enhanced

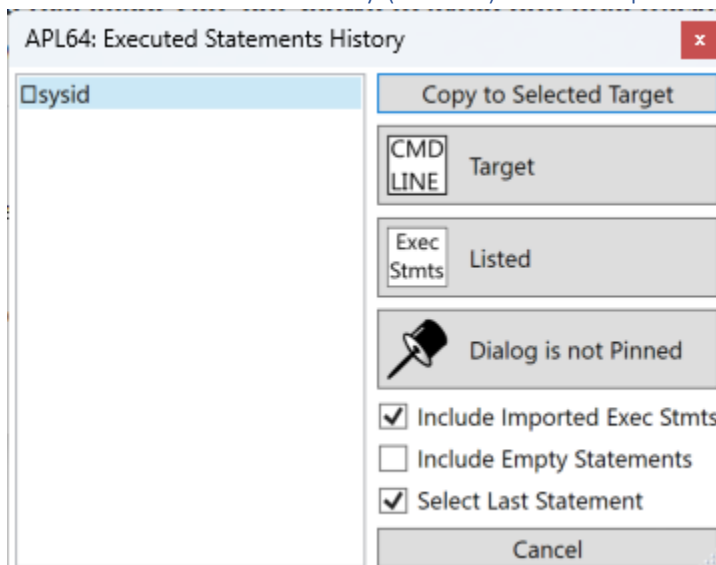
The user-selected foreground and background colors for line numbers are reversed for the line containing the cursor to provide a visual cue indicating the position of the cursor.



Find next/previous executed line options now supported in editable Classic History format

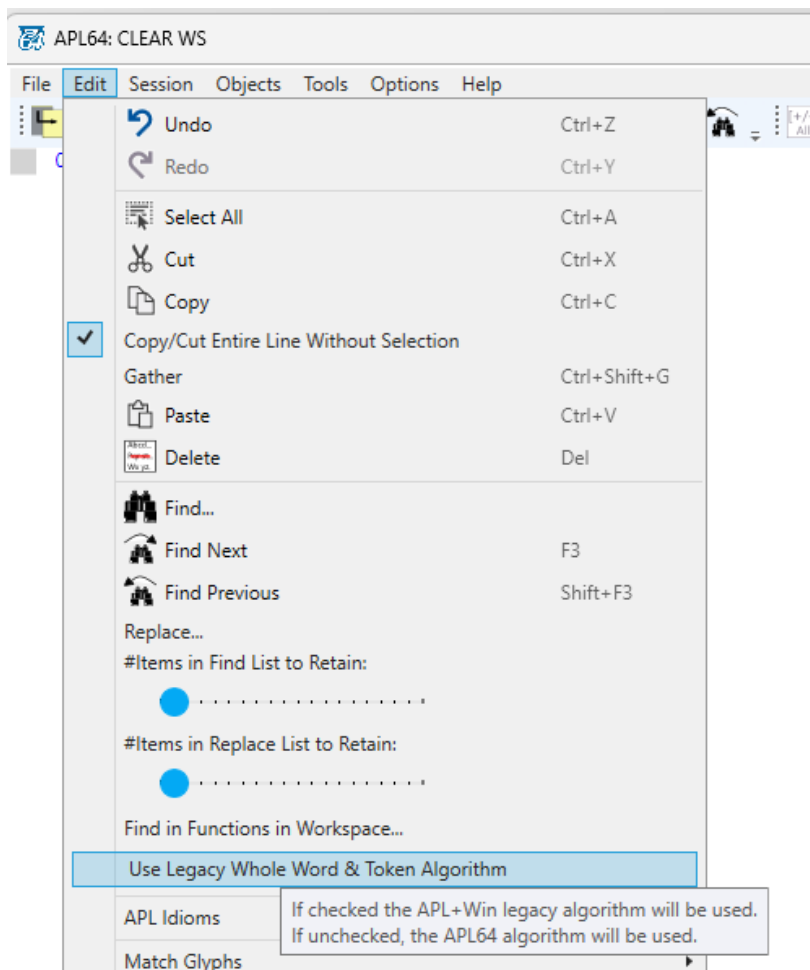
The Find next and previous executed line menu options and their corresponding keyboard shortcuts, Alt+F9 and Shift+Alt+F9, respectively, are now supported when the Classic History format is editable.

Executed Statements History (Ctrl+F9) window updated



Find tool and search keyboard shortcuts for Token and Word searches improved

For better APL+Win compatibility the menu item **Edit | Use Legacy Word & Token Algorithm** is enabled by default in APL64. This option applies to the Find tool, Ctrl+F3 and Ctrl+Shift+F3 keyboard shortcuts with and without a selection. Uncheck this menu item to use the APL64 algorithm.



Objects | Row Numbers menus improved

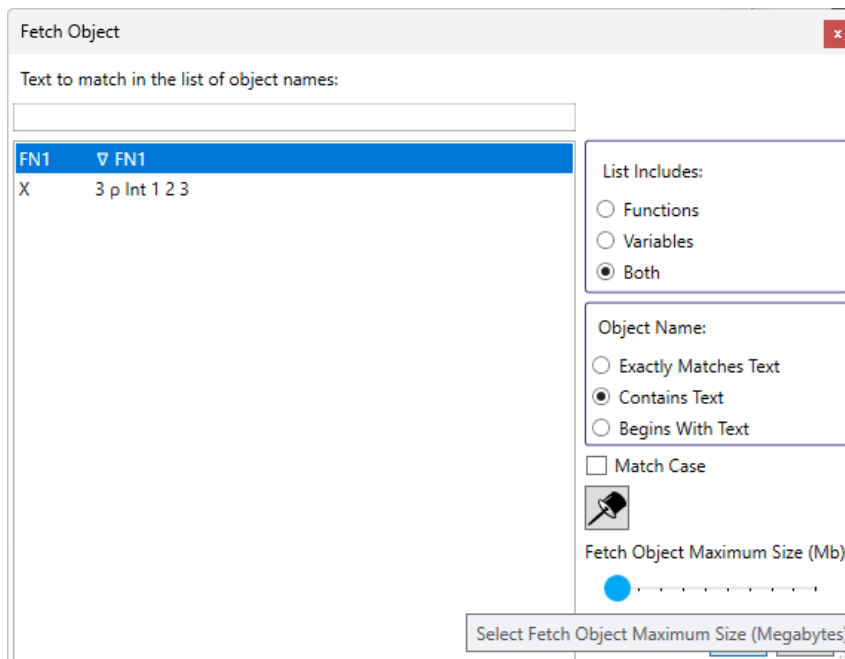
The **Objects | Row Numbers | Display Row Numbers in Function Editor** and **Objects | Row Numbers | Display Row Numbers in Function Editor** submenus were moved into their respective **Objects | Variable Editor** and **Objects | Function Editor** menus since the row numbers are optional features in the variable and function editors.

Objects | Tool Bars menus improved

The **Objects | Tool Bars** submenus were moved to the **Objects | Function Editor** and **Objects | Variable Editor** menus.

Update to Fetch Object tool to support large matrices

The new **Fetch Object Maximum Size** option may be used to specify the maximum size of an object that can be fetched. The default value is 100Mb.



[New Session | Suppress Unassigned History Output From Quote-Quad Output menu](#)

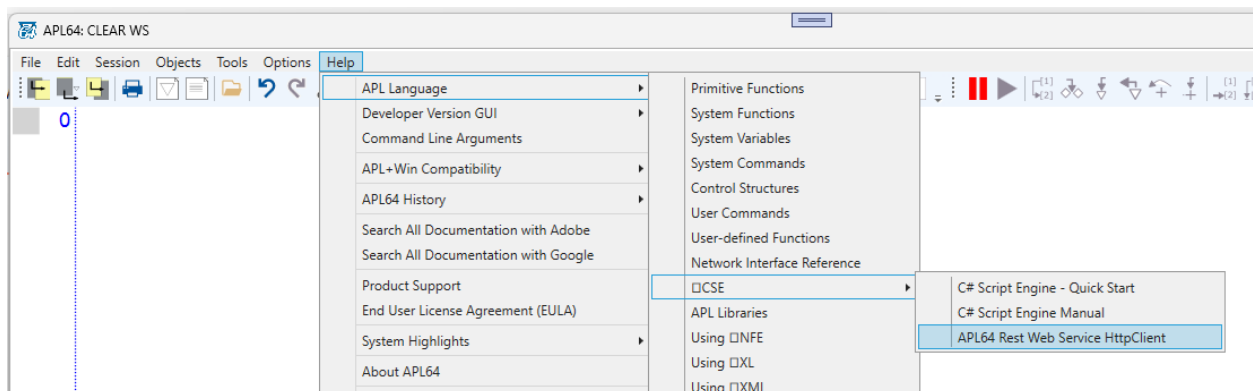
This option specifies when to display the quote-quad output value in the history pane when assignment is used. Quote-quad output can always be assigned. The APL+Win behavior (unchecked) is that even if quote-quad output is assigned, the quote-quad output value is rendered to the history. For some uses of quad input, the suppression (checked) behavior is appropriate.

[New Session | Classic History Format | Refresh For Accurate History menu](#)

This menu option will refresh the editable classic history pane by removing any programmer scratch-pad text that has not been executed by the interpreter.

[CSE documentation consolidated](#)

The menu item **Help | APL Language | CSE** now contains all CSE programmer documentation. The new **APL64 Rest Web Service HTTPClient** topic illustrates how to use the CSE system function to access a REST web service from APL64 CSE and use .Net assemblies which are published in a Nuget package.



WRE and CPC

Digital code signing available for an APL64 Windows Runtime Exe

An option is provided to digitally sign an APL64 WRE (Windows runtime executable) using an APL64 programmer-provided digital signature certificate. An application should be digitally signed to indicate that the application as delivered to the end user came from the application publisher (e.g. APL programmer). Use the optional digital signature section of the Create Windows Runtime Executable dialog for this purpose. Refer to the document in **Help | Developer Version Gui | Create Windows Runtime Executable** for the details.

APL64: Create Windows Runtime Executable

Runtime Workspace Filename: *

EXECUTABLE CONTENT

Runtime Windows Executable Target Folder: *

Runtime Executable Name: * ☒ Same as Runtime Workspace Name

☐ Digitally sign output

Digital signature command:

APL64 xml-format Configuration File: ☒ Include APL64 xml-format Configuration File

APLNow32 adf-format Configuration File: ☒ Include APLNow32 adf-format Configuration File

APLNow32 ini-format Configuration File: ☒ Include APLNow32 ini-format Configuration File

Additional Files Required for the Application

Source Path	Base Target Path	Target Path Suffix	Overwrite
Add One Required File Add Multiple Required Files Add Folder of Required Files Remove All Required Files			

ASSEMBLY META-DATA

Properties.Details: File Description:

Properties.Details: Product Name:

Properties.Details: Copyright: *

Properties.Details: File Version:

Properties.Details: Version: ☒ Same as File Version

Assembly.Info: Company Name:

Assembly.Info: Application Description: ☐ Same as File Description

Assembly.Info: Version: ☒ Same as File Version

Assembly.Info: Neutral Language:

Assembly.Info: Description: ☒ Same as File Description

Application Icon File:

* Required entries

Materialize additional files, if any, to the path where the WRE exe or CPC Nuget package is installed, rather than the path where the WRE or CPC dll is running

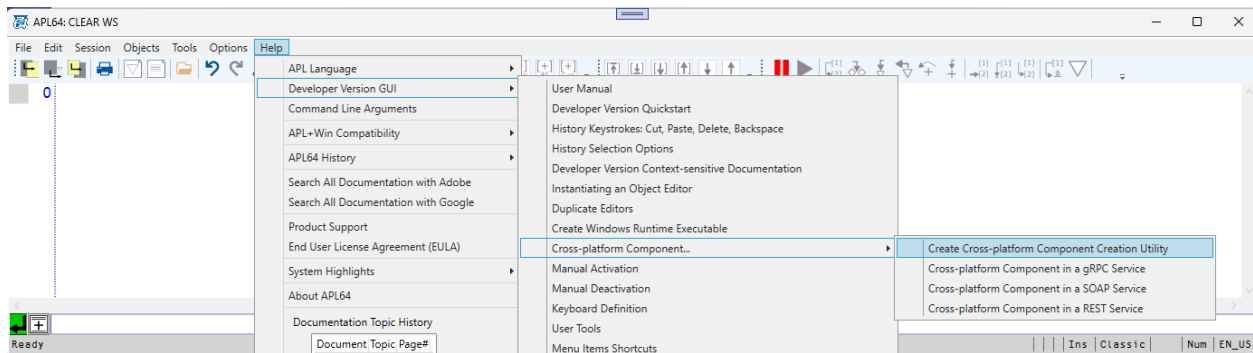
Materialize the APLNow32 ini and adf files, if included in the WRE, to the path where the WRE dll is running

The 'Add Folder of Required Files' button to add files in a folder and all sub-folders in the Additional Files Required for the Application area

The 'Remove All Required Files' button to remove all files listed in the Additional Files Required for the Application area

☐ CPC documentation consolidated

The menu item **Help | Developer Version GUI | Cross-Platform Component** contains all ☐CPC programmer documentation. Examples are provided for using an APL64 cross-platform component in a gRPC Service, SOAP Service and REST Service.



Miscellaneous

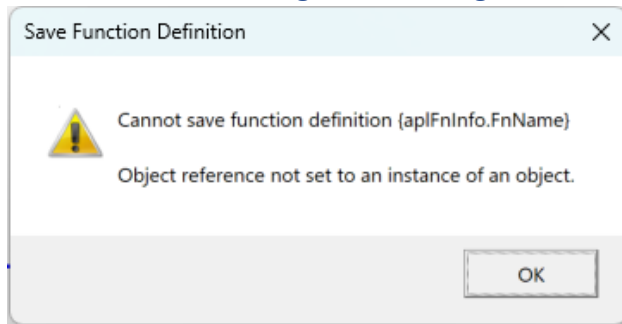
SCAN function updated

If your workspace contains the SCAN function from past versions of APL64 or APL+Win, you will need to update it with the updated version in the TOOLS\UTILITY.ws64 workspace prior to using it in this version of APL64.

Bug Fixes

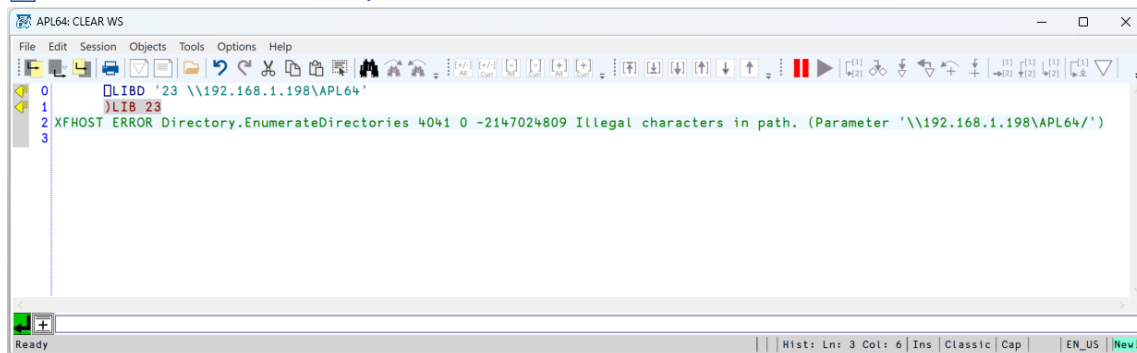
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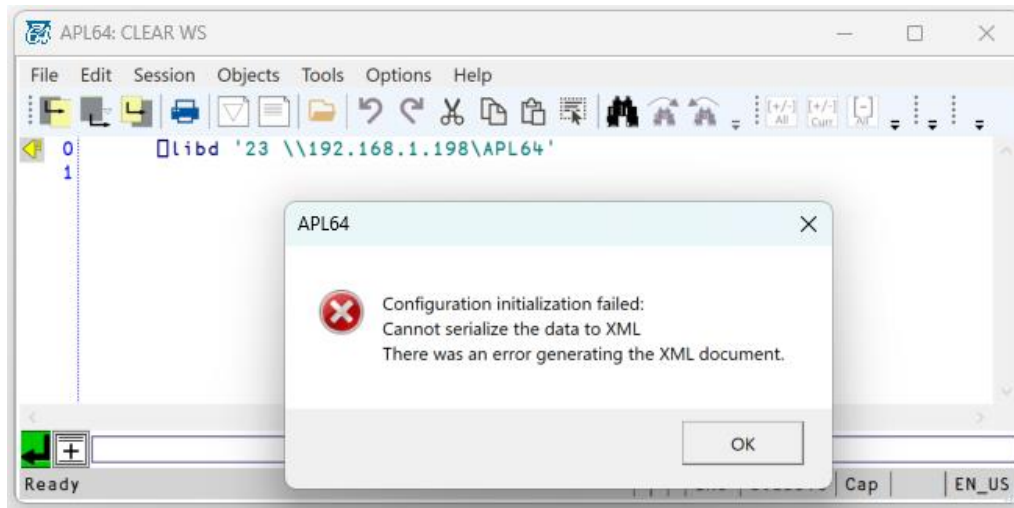


Outlining glyphs in the margins sometimes didn't appear in a function editor

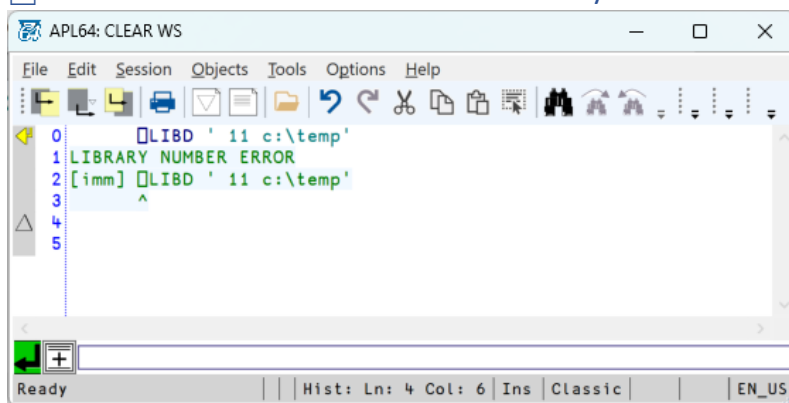
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Options | Libraries... menu: Configuration initialization failed: Cannot serialize to XML



☐ LIBD LIBRARY NUMBER ERROR when library definition was not left justified



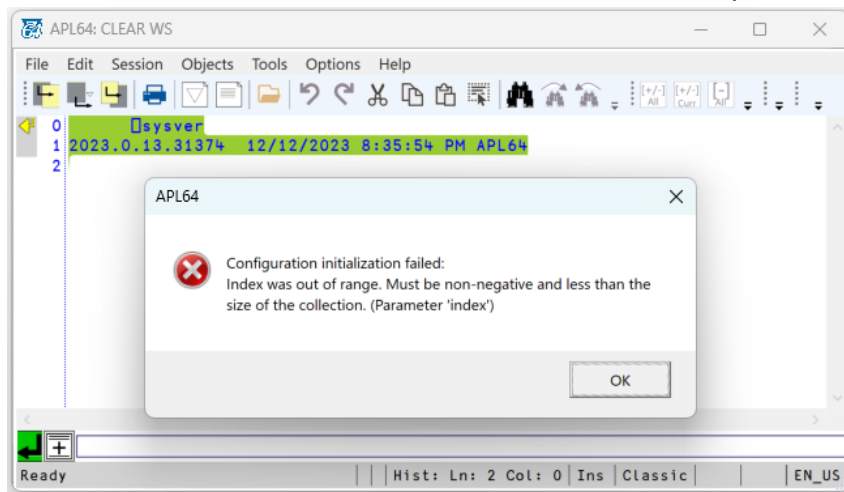
Case was retained for ☐libs and)libs for mixed-case library definition

When a mixed-case library definition was created using the Libraries Definition dialog, the mixed-case was retained. The setting of the ☐pathcase system variable dictates the display of the result of library numbers. The default setting for ☐pathcase is 0 to be compatible with APL+Win, so that library definitions are returned in upper-case.

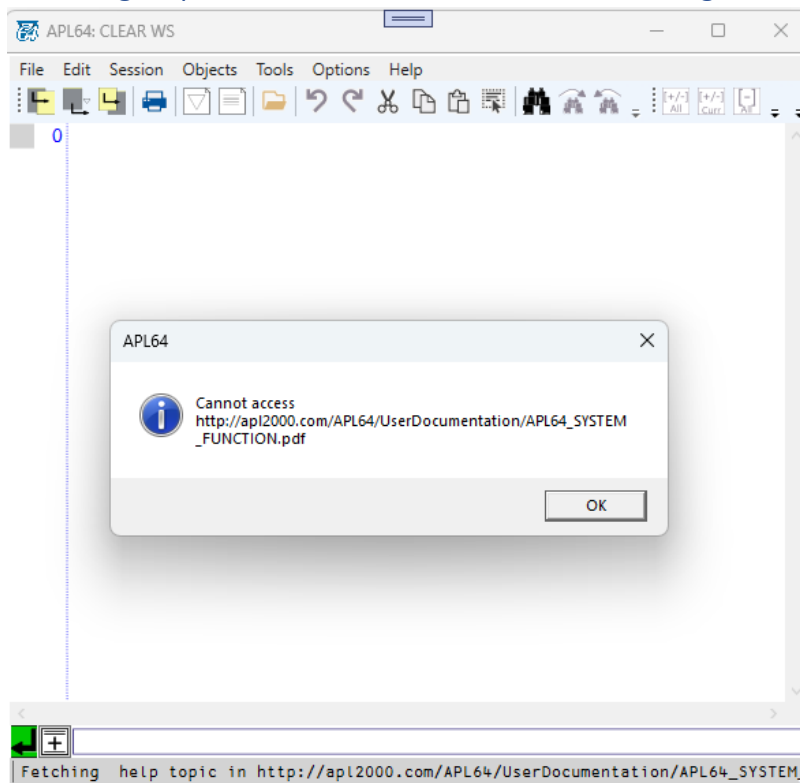
Extra space between library number and workspace name: WS NOT FOUND

When a library definition was created with extra space between the library number and workspace name, system commands such)LOAD,)COPY and)SAVE threw a WS NOT FOUND exception.

Ctrl+A then Ctrl+X in non-editable Classic Session History return an error



Accessing help file with no Internet connection: Configuration initialization failure exception



WRE (Windows Runtime Executable) failed to load APLNow.X64.dll in APL64 runtime system
This prevented primitive functions like indexing in APL statements from executing.

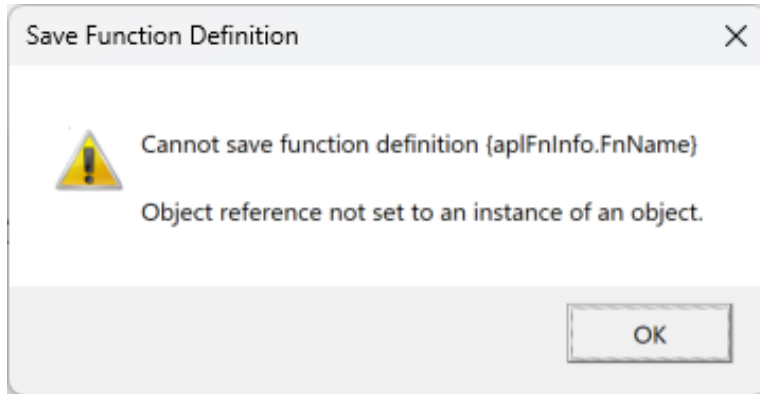
WRE Publish output log file contained messages referencing SpreadsheetGear

WRE crashed APL64 when creating a WRE without a valid entry in Runtime Workspace Filename

Empty array assigning caused INDEX ERROR

E.g., $Q \leftarrow 0 \ 0p0 \diamond Q[;1] \leftarrow \emptyset$

Save a function (Ctrl+S) with auto indented spaces exception



Function editor exception with :IF and :ANDIF or :ORIF control structures

This occurred when an :IF statement with :ANDIF or :ORIF used in an incomplete control statement such as :A, :AN, :ANDI, :O, :ORI leading to unhandled exception being thrown.

$0 \square \text{inbuf 'Default Value'} \diamond X \leftarrow \square$ deadlocked APL64

Starting the Find in Functions in Workspace utility closed the APL64 instance

The APLGrid with xGripOptions=256 showed the dropdown list turn to black

This occurred when the vertical scroll bar in the list was scrolled and when APL64 was started with a manifest file.

Stepping in the debugger a line at a time (F10) didn't show the current line

This occurred when the line was below the bottom edge of the Debug pane.

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