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Greetings, BBEEdit Users!

This version of BBEEdit is the first public release of a program that has been over two years in the making. During that time, BBEEdit has undergone continuous refinement and improvement.

BBEEdit offers the following as its strengths:

- High quality. BBEEdit has achieved a remarkable level of stability for freeware; it has received years of in-house and external testing. The user interface is the result of extensive user feedback and polishing.
- File size limited only by available memory. BBEEdit's default partition size is 512K of RAM. This can be set as low as 256K, to make BBEEdit the ideal constantly-resident editor for small to moderate tasks, or turned up as high as necessary to edit many large files or perform large-scale search-and-replace operations.
- No hard limit on number of files open. The number of files that BBEEdit can have open at once is limited by available memory, and can be increased or decreased by adjusting BBEEdit's partition size as appropriate.
- Easy manipulation of multiple files at once. An "Open Several..." command makes it possible to open multiple files from different folders at once, and the Save and Print commands can operate on all open files at once. Multi-file searches can also be limited to the set of open files.
- Strong multi-file search capabilities. Under System 7.0, BBEEdit can use On Location™ 2.0 as a search engine for fast, large-scale searches. A "Batch Mode" provides a way to accumulate search results for easy viewing and browsing. BBEEdit can also search by straight directory scan, examining open windows, or examining the search results. A "Find and Replace All Matches" feature provides capability for multiple-file search and replace.
- Pattern ("grep") searching. Matching patterns can be constructed so that strings other than exact literal matches can be found and replaced; for example, converting Pascal comments to C comments, or locating all occurrences of strings which begin with a "P" and end with "er".
- System 7 awareness. Besides supporting all of the basic System 7 functionality such as 32-bit mode, virtual memory, and the like, BBEEdit also takes advantage of specific System 7 functionality wherever possible in order to either improve performance or to improve its appearance. This is done without sacrificing System 6 compatibility. BBEEdit also includes help balloons for most of its menus and dialogs.
- High performance. Try and enjoy.

Why Believe Me?

I'm not the only person who says nice things about BBEEdit; the following quotes are from BBEEdit's beta sites:

"I think it's a great package." - Dan Morrow

"BBEEdit takes all those things that you really need in a text editor and gives it to you in a fast and easy format." - Essam Khairullah

"The Macintosh community has needed a product like this for a long time!"
- Neal Trautman

"It is a great text editor!" - Steve Holden

"...Finally an editor that works for you, and lets you work more efficiently. Have been using it since the beta testing have made it the default editor." - Chris Khoury

"BBEdit has become part of how I use my Macintosh." - Rob Pickering

About PopUpFuncs

BBEdit is delivered with a demo version of PopUpFuncs. PopUpFuncs is a utility for programmers which provides a popup menu with a list of functions in a C or Pascal file (determined by whether the file ends in .c or .p), and allows the user to navigate the file by choosing the name of a function from the menu.

For more information, you should read the "AboutPopUpFuncs.c" file in the "PopUpFuncs Demo Folder" that was included in your BBEdition distribution.

Operational Details

To learn some of the details of using BBEdition, read the file "BBEdit Notes". It contains detailed information on the features and functionality of BBEdition, and how to best take advantage of them.

The construction of patterns for use with the "grep" searching function is described in the Microsoft Word 4.0 document entitled "All About Grep".

(The "All About Grep" document was originally written by Jon Hueras of THINK Technologies.)

A Note of Thanks...

...to all of the beta sites, Unindicted Co-Consipirators, and others who helped make BBEdition what it is.

A Note About Shareware vs. Freeware

I have released a number of shareware programs over time, and I have found that the cash return is so small as to be useless. From a user's point of view, I object to being "guilt-tripped" into sending some tiny amount of money for a program, and I can see no justifiable reason to expect others to do what I'm no longer willing to do. For these and other reasons, I am releasing BBEdition as "freeware": I ask for no money for the right for others to use it and give it away. My reward will come, hopefully, in the form of letters asking me to enhance it, and in seeing BBEdition become a widespread general-purpose text editor.

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