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DOCUMENTATION MANUAL

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INTRODUCTION

The Word Connection from Flagstaff Engineering consists of separate document conversion program packages for use with The Flagstaff Engineering Diskette Connection 8" diskette drive system for the IBM PC/XT/AT. Word Connection 8" conversion packages allow the user to exchange document files between the IBM PC/XT/AT and other word processing systems that use 8" diskettes. Word Connection DOS conversion packages allow the user to exchange document files between different word processing programs used on the IBM PC/XT/AT.

Word Connection programs are designed to transfer documents from 8" diskette systems to PC-DOS Revisable Form Text files (RF files) on an IBM PC/XT/AT operating under IBM DOS versions 2.X OR 3.x.

Revisable Form Text files are created using the rules of an IBM standard called Document Content Architecture.

The RF format provides a standard method of specifying tabs, margins, control codes, etc.

By using the RF file standard, Word Connection programs are capable of exchanging documents between different word processing systems without losing important document information.

RF files are supported by many word processing products available for the IBM PC, such as IBM's DisplayWrite 2/3, Microsoft's WORD, Wordstar 2000, and Multimate.

An example of a transfer application would be:

1. Creation of a document file on an 8" diskette based word processing system.
2. Transformation of the 8" diskette document to a PC-DOS revisable form text file with Word Connection conversion programs.
3. Transformation of the revisable form text file into a DisplayWrite 2/3 text file by using the DisplayWrite 2/3 document functions.
4. Editing and printing the file with DisplayWrite 2/3 and then transforming the DisplayWrite 2/3 edited text file into a revisable form text file.
5. Transforming the revisable form text file into an ASCII file using the Word Connection program, RFTOASC.
6. Downloading the ASCII file into a laptop computer attached to the IBM PC.

Systems supported by Word Connection packages include IBM Displaywriter, IBM OS/6, WANG OIS, DEC WPS, XEROX-860, CPT 8000, and other systems.

PROGRAM NAMING CONVENTIONS

Word Connection program names use specific abbreviations to indicate function and system type.

System abbreviations are:

CPT	CPT 8000 8" systems.
DSF	IBM 8100 DOSF 8" systems.
DWS	IBM Displaywriter 8" systems.
LAN	Lanier hard sector 5 1/4" systems.
LNX	Linolex 8" systems.
MIC	Micom hard sector 8" systems.
MMT	Multimate PC-DOS documents.
MSW	Microsoft WORD PC-DOS documents.
NBI	NBI 8" systems.
OS6	IBM Office System/6 8" systems.
WNG	WANG OIS hard sector 8" systems.
WPE	IBM 5520 8" systems.
WPS	DEC WPS 8" systems.
WST	Wordstar 3.3 PC-DOS documents.
XRX	XEROX-860 8" systems.

Function abbreviations are:

XXXFMT	Format a diskette with specific file exchange parameters.
XXX8T05	Transfer files from an 8 inch diskette to a PC-DOS volume.
XXX5T08	Transfer files from a DOS volume to an 8 inch diskette.
XXXTOYYY	Transfer files from system format XXX to system format YYY.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The Word Connection requires the following minimum system configuration:

1. IBM PC, PC/XT, or PC/AT computer.
2. Flagstaff Engineering "DISKETTE CONNECTION" 8" diskette drive system when using Word Connection 8" diskette conversion packages. 8" hard sector systems require a Model D or Model S diskette controller card with the hard sector option installed.
3. Flagstaff Engineering "DISKETTE CONNECTION" I/O device driver. (See the System Installation Guide and Diagnostic and Utility Manual provided with your systems for more information.)

PROGRAM OPERATION

Word Connection programs may be copied to and executed from any PC-DOS diskette or hard disk volume desired.

To load Word Connection programs, use the standard PC-DOS load command syntax:

A:PROGRAM NAME

When Word Connection programs are loaded, a program message is displayed that contains the copyright date. New program versions are released periodically, and this date is used to keep track of program updates.

In the program operation sections of the manual, keyboard entries are indicated by bracketed characters.

[ENTER] equals the enter key.

[Y] equals the Y key.

Word Connection programs may be aborted by pressing [CTRL] [C]. Occasionally, the Control-C sequence may not successfully terminate the program. If this occurs, press [CTRL] [BREAK] to end the program. Exiting programs through the use of [CTRL] [C] and [CTRL] [BREAK] is not recommended, and should be used with discretion.

Program prompts require key entries followed by the [ENTER] key. If the [ENTER] key is pressed without typing a character, the program will default to the first option displayed by the prompt.

Program prompts for key entries are issued by the programs in the forms:

(DEFAULT/RANGE OF ENTRIES) and
(DEFAULT/OPTION1,OPTION2,OPTION3)

At the prompt, "ENTER DRIVE NUMBER (1/2-4)?", pressing the [ENTER] key will select the default entry of [1].

Optional values may be entered by pressing [2], [3], or [4] followed by [ENTER].

Many Word Connection programs prompt for an optional translation table file name. The default is always an internal table built into the program.

An external translation table consists of a 256 byte lookup table where the value of a given character in the source file is used to point to a position in the table. The value stored in the specific position in the table will be used as the translated character in the output files.

An example would be an ASCII hex value of '20H' (ASCII space). If a table was created to translate ASCII to a target character set, the value found at position '20H' in the table would be written to the output file each time the program found an ASCII space character in the input file.

DOCUMENTATION FORMAT

Word Connection program descriptions are presented in the following format in the program description section of the manual:

1. Program Name.
2. Use.
3. Miscellaneous Notes.
4. Description.
5. Operation.
6. Defaults.
7. Destructive/Nondestructive
8. Sample Program Run

CONVERSION TIPS

When using DisplayWrite 2/3, the document utilities menu provides an internal function to create DisplayWrite 2/3 text files from any revisable form text file. The text file will probably need to be re-paginated with DisplayWrite 2/3.

Revisable form text files may be converted to Microsoft Word, Wordstar 2000, and Multimate text files by using the DCA conversion programs available from the manufacturers of these products.

The Word Connection programs, ASCTORF and RFTOASC, transform ASCII files to revisable form text files, and revisable form text files to ASCII files. These two programs provide a bridge between revisable form text files, and any other application program that can access an ASCII file such as Volkswriter. A Wordstar Non-document file is an ASCII text file.

RFTOMSW

USE:

Transform IBM revisable form text document files to a Microsoft WORD document file.

DESCRIPTION:

RFTOMSW is designed to convert a IBM PC-DOS revisable form text document file to an Microsoft WORD document file. The rules for transforming the revisable form text file to WORD document file use an IBM standard called Document Content Architecture.

The program will accept DOS paths and volumes with file name entries.

OPERATION:

Load RFTOMSW. On completion of program load, a program description message will be displayed.

The program will prompt the user to enter the revisable form text input file.

The program may be exited at this prompt by pressing [ENTER] without typing a file name. To continue the program enter the DOS volume and file name using standard DOS syntax:

Volume ID:File name.Extension

If a volume is not specified, the program will access the input file from the default volume (the volume that RFTOMSW was loaded from).

The program will prompt the user to enter the name of the output file.

Enter the desired output file name, or press [ENTER] to use the input file name with an extension of 'DOC'. If a volume is not specified, the program will write the revisable form text file to the default DOS volume (the volume that RFTOMSW was loaded from).

The program will convert the revisable form text input file to a WORD document file.

If the input file is not found, the program will display 'INPUT FILE NOT FOUND', and then re-prompt the user to enter an input file name, otherwise the program will display a conversion complete message.

The program will prompt the user to copy more documents.

Enter a [Y] to convert more documents, or enter an [N] or press [ENTER] to end the program.

DEFAULTS:

Input File: [ENTER] = End program.

Output File: [ENTER] = Input file name with extension of '.DOC'.

Copy More

Documents: [ENTER] = End program.

SAMPLE RUN:

A> [RFTOMSW] [ENTER]

COPY IBM REVISABLE FORMAT TEXT FILE TO
MICROSOFT WORD DOCUMENT.
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ENTER INPUT RFT FILE NAME:
[TEST.RF] [ENTER]

ENTER OUTPUT WORD FILE NAME: [ENTER]
PAGE XXXX.X.X
TEST.RF FILE CONVERSION COMPLETE.

COPY MORE DOCUMENTS? [Y] [ENTER]
ENTER INPUT RFT FILE NAME: [XYZ.RFT]
[ENTER]

ENTER OUTPUT WORD FILE NAME: [ENTER]
PAGE XXXX.X.X
XYZ.RFT FILE CONVERSION COMPLETE.

COPY MORE DOCUMENTS? [ENTER]
A>

MSWTORF

USE:

Convert an Microsoft WORD document to an IBM revisable form text document.

DESCRIPTION:

The MSWTORF program is designed to convert a Microsoft WORD document to a PC-DOS revisable form text file. The rules for transforming the WORD document use an IBM standard called Document Content Architecture.

The program will accept DOS paths and volumes at file name prompts.

OPERATION:

Load MSWTORF. On completion of program load, a program description message will be displayed.

The program will prompt the user to enter the WORD input file.

The program may be exited at this prompt by pressing [ENTER] without typing a file name. To continue the program enter the DOS volume and file name using standard DOS syntax:

Volume ID:File name.Extension

If a volume is not specified, the program will access the input file from the default volume (the volume that MSWTORF was loaded from).

The program will prompt the user to enter the name of the output file.

Enter the desired output file name, or press [ENTER] to use the input file name with an extension of .RFT as the output file name. If a volume is not specified, the program will write the revisable form text file to the default DOS volume (the volume that MSWTORF was loaded from).

The program will convert the WORD input file to a revisable form text output file. If the input file is not found, the program will display 'INPUT FILE NOT FOUND', and then re-prompt the user to enter an input file name, otherwise the program will display a conversion complete message.

The program will prompt the user to copy more documents.

Enter a [Y] to continue to convert documents, or enter an [N] or press [ENTER] to exit the program.

DEFAULTS:

Input File: [ENTER] = End program.
Output File: [ENTER] = Input file name
with extension of RFT.
Copy More
Documents: [ENTER] = End program.

SAMPLE RUN:

A> [MSWTORF] [ENTER]

CONVERT MICROSOFT WORD DOCUMENTS TO
IBM REVISABLE FORMAT TEXT FILES
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ENTER INPUT WORD FILE NAME:
[TEST.DOC] [ENTER]

ENTER OUTPUT RFT FILE NAME: [ENTER]
PAGE XXXX.X.X
TEST.DOC FILE CONVERSION COMPLETE

COPY MORE DOCUMENTS? [Y] [ENTER]

ENTER INPUT WORD FILE NAME:
[XYZ.DOC] [ENTER]

ENTER OUTPUT RFT FILE NAME: [ENTER]
PAGE XXXX.X.X
XYZ.DOC FILE CONVERSION COMPLETE

COPY MORE DOCUMENTS?: [ENTER]
A>

ASCTORF

USE:

Convert an ASCII text document to an IBM revisable form text document.

DESCRIPTION:

The ASCTORF program is designed to convert an ASCII text document to a revisable form text file. The rules for transforming the ASCII document use an IBM standard called Document Content Architecture.

The program supports optional translate tables. Since the ASCII text characters are translated to EBCDIC in the revisable form text file, the user can provide a unique 256 byte translate table. If no file is specified the program will default to an internal translate table.

The program will accept DOS path and wildcard characters for file name prompts.

Since most ASCII documents use spaces in place of indents and tabs, the program will analyze the document to generate tab settings. The program will use a soft carriage return for all line endings accept when the next character is another carriage return. This feature permits the RF document to be paginated with new margin and tab settings. The program will accept an ASCII end of page character '0C' as a page break.

OPERATION:

Load ASCTORF. On completion of program load, a program description message will be displayed. The program will then prompt the user to enter the file name of the translation table to use.

Enter the file name of a user required translation table, or press [ENTER] to select the internal program translation table.

The program will prompt the user to enter the ASCII input file.

The program may be exited at this prompt by pressing [ENTER] without typing a file name. To continue the program enter the DOS volume and file name using standard DOS syntax:

Volume ID:File name.Extension

If a volume is not specified, the program will access the input file from the default volume (the volume that ASCTORF was loaded from).

The program will prompt the user to enter the name of the output file.

Enter the desired output file name, or press [ENTER] to use the input file name with an extension of .RF as the output file name. If a volume is not specified, the program will write the revisable form text file to the default DOS volume (the volume that ASCTORF was loaded from).

The program will convert the ASCII input file to a revisable form text output file. If the input file is not found, the program will display 'INPUT FILE NOT FOUND', and then re-prompt the user to enter an input file name, otherwise the program will display a conversion complete message.

The program will prompt the user to enter an input file name to convert.

Enter a volume and file name, or press [ENTER] to exit the program.

DEFAULTS:

Translation

Table: [ENTER] = Internal table.
Input File: [ENTER] = End program.
Output File: [ENTER] = Input file name
with extension of RF.

SAMPLE RUN:

A> [ASCTORF] [ENTER]

CONVERT ASCII DOCUMENTS TO
IBM REVISABLE FORMAT TEXT
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ENTER FILE NAME OF TABLE: [ENTER]

ENTER INPUT ASCII FILE: [TEST.ASC] [ENTER]

ENTER OUTPUT FILE PATH/NAME: [ENTER]

CONVERTING TEST.ASC
CONVERSION COMPLETE FOR TEST.RF

ENTER INPUT ASCII FILE: [ENTER]

A>

RFTOASC

USE:

Transform IBM revisable form text document files to an ASCII DOCUMENT file.

DESCRIPTION:

RFTOASC is designed to convert a IBM PC-DOS revisable form text document file to an ASCII text file. The rules for transforming the revisable form text file to an ASCII text file use an IBM standard called Document Content Architecture.

The program supports optional translation tables for unique user applications. Since the EBCDIC text characters in the revisable form text file are translated to ASCII, the user can provide a unique 256 byte translate table. If no translation file is specified the program will default to an internal translation table.

The program will accept DOS paths and wildcard characters for file names.

Since most ASCII documents use spaces in place of indents and tabs, the program will replace these characters with the appropriate number of space characters. Also, the program will insert a carrier return and line feed for all line endings. ASCII end of page '0C' characters are also inserted at the end of each page. No escape code sequences are generated.

OPERATION:

Load RFTOASC. On completion of program load, a program description message will be displayed. The program will then prompt the user to enter the file name of the translation table to use.

Enter the file name of a user required translation table, or press [ENTER] to select the internal program translation table.

The program will prompt the user to enter the revisable form text input file.

The program may be exited at this prompt by pressing [ENTER] without typing a file name. To continue the program enter the DOS volume and file name using standard DOS syntax:

Volume ID:File name.Extension

If a volume is not specified, the program will access the input file from the default volume (the volume that RFTOASC was loaded from).

The program will prompt the user to enter the name of the output file.

Enter the desired output file name, or press [ENTER] to use the input file name with an extension of 'ASC'. If a volume is not specified, the program will write the revisable form text file to the default DOS volume (the volume that RFTOASC was loaded from).

The program will convert the RF input file to an ASCII text output file.

If the input file is not found, the program will display 'INPUT FILE NOT FOUND', and then re-prompt the user to enter an input file name, otherwise the program will display a conversion complete message.

The program will prompt the user to enter an input file name to convert.

Enter a volume and file name, or press [ENTER] to exit the program.

DEFAULTS:

Translation

Table: [ENTER] = Internal table.
Input File: [ENTER] = End program.
Output File: [ENTER] = Input file name
with extension of blanks.

SAMPLE RUN:

A> [RFTOASC] [ENTER]

COPY IBM REVISABLE-FORMAT
TEXT TO AN ASCII FILE
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ENTER FILE NAME OF TABLE: [ENTER]

ENTER INPUT REVISABLE-FORM TEXT
FILE: [TEST.RF] [ENTER]

ENTER OUTPUT FILE NAME: [ENTER]

CONVERTING TEST.RF
CONVERSION COMPLETE FOR TEST.RF

ENTER INPUT REVISABLE-FORM TEXT
FILE: [ENTER]

A>

FILETRAN

USE:

Translation, replacement, or deletion of character values or character strings in a PC-DOS file.

DESCRIPTION:

FILETRAN was designed to copy and translate a PC-DOS input file to a new output file. The copy operation allows replacing any data string of one or more bytes with another data string of zero or more bytes. ASCII, EBCDIC, or Hexadecimal values may be translated by the program.

The program requires external translation tables to define the translations to be performed when the program is run.

The translation table file is a text file which may be edited with EDLIN, WordStar (non-document mode), or any other text editor which generates pure ASCII text. ALL single or multiple byte conversions which are to occur must be specified in this file.

Standard ASCII to EBCDIC (file name ATOE.TTB) and EBCDIC to ASCII (file name ETOA.TTB) tables are provided which contain standard code conversion specifications. Any values not specified for conversion will be copied without any change into the output file.

The user must supply a valid translation table file name at the program prompt, or the program will be aborted.

Translation table conversion statements:

A translation table consists of sequential conversion statements, with one statement per line. Each conversion statement has a 'from' and a 'to' field. When the program is run, the input data is scanned for a match with the 'from' data. If a match is found, the data is replaced with the 'to' data. Each conversion statement line is limited to a length of 200 characters.

The 'from' and 'to' specifications must be one of the following:

a. ASCII character string.

A'.....'

The quote (') mark delimits the beginning and end of the string, but any character may be used as a delimiter. The delimiter is always the first character after the 'A'. The beginning and ending delimiter must be the same character and must not occur within the string itself. There must be no spaces between the 'A' and the delimiter.

b. EBCDIC character string.

E'.....'

The quote (') mark delimits the beginning and end of the string. Any character may be used as a delimiter. The delimiter is always the first character after the 'E'. Beginning and ending delimiters must be the same character and must not occur within the string itself. There must be no spaces between the 'E' and the delimiter.

c. Hex byte string.

X'xx xx xx ...' or X'xxxx....'

The quote (') mark delimits the beginning and end of the string, but any character may be used as a delimiter. The beginning and ending delimiter must be the same character and must not occur within the string itself. Two hex digits must be supplied for each byte. There must be no spaces between the 'X' and the delimiter. The character following the 'X' is taken as the delimiter.

The 'from' specification must begin in the first position of the line and be followed by one or more blanks before the 'to' specification. The 'to' specification is not required and if not supplied is taken as null. All 'from' data strings that occur in the table that are not followed by a 'to' specification will be deleted.

An example translation table would be:

```
A'.PA' X'0C' ;Convert ASCII string '.PA'  
; to HEX value 0C  
X'0D' X'0D0A' ;Convert Hex value 0D to  
; hex string 0D 0A  
E'123' E' ;Delete EBCDIC string '123'
```

When scanning the input data, the program compares the input data for a match with the 'from' fields in the order in which they are supplied. If a long string begins with the same characters as a shorter string, the long string must be specified first, otherwise the short string will be found first and the long string will never be found.

The exception to this is that all one-to-one conversions are processed after any string conversions regardless of the order in which they are specified. All single character to single character conversions may safely be specified before any string conversions are specified in the file.

Input File Names:

The program will accept DOS paths and wildcard characters for input file names. Wildcards are not excepted as file name extensions.

Output File Names:

The program will accept DOS paths and wildcard characters for input file names. Wildcards are not excepted as file name extensions.

The default output file name is the input file name with an extension of 'TRN'.

If a complete output file name is entered, the file name is only valid if the input file name was not entered with a wildcard.

A DOS volume (and path) name only may be entered at the output file name prompt. The entry must end with a back slash (\) or a colon (:) to direct the output files to the specified location. The output names will be the same as the input file names with and extension of 'TRN'.

Example: C:\XYZ\

A file name extension may be entered at the output file name prompt. This is valid only if the input is a wildcard name. This will force the output file names to have the specified file name extension.

Example: *.ABC

A volume (and path) name and a file name extension may be entered at the output file name prompt. This is valid only if the input file name uses a wildcard. This will direct the output files to the specified location and force them to have a specific file name extension.

Example: C:\XYZ*.ABC

OPERATION:

Load FILETRAN. On completion of program load, a program description message will be displayed. The program will then prompt the user to enter the file name of the translation table to use.

Enter the file name of a specific translation table. If a valid table file name is not entered on the first occurrence of this prompt, the program will abort.

The program will prompt the user to enter the input file name.

The program may be exited at this prompt by pressing [ENTER] without typing a file name. To continue the program enter the DOS volume and file name using standard DOS syntax:

Volume ID:File name.Extension

If a volume is not specified, the program will access the input file from the default volume (the volume that FILETRAN was loaded from).

The program will prompt the user to enter the name of the output file.

Enter the desired output file name, or press [ENTER] to use the input file name with an extension of 'TRN'. If a volume is not specified, the program will write the translated output file to the default DOS volume (the volume that FILETRAN was loaded from).

The program will translate and copy the input file to the output file and then prompt the user to enter another input file name to convert.

Enter a volume and file name, or press [ENTER] to exit the program.

DEFAULTS:

Translation

Table: [ENTER] = Abort program.
Input File: [ENTER] = End program.
Output File: [ENTER] = Input file name
with extension of '.TRN'.

SAMPLE RUN:

A> [FILETRAN] [ENTER]

FILE TRANSLATION PROGRAM
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ENTER DOS TRANSLATE TABLE FILE NAME
(DEFAULT= NO TRANSLATION)?
[ATOE.TTB] [ENTER]

ENTER DOS INPUT FILE NAME FILE:
[TEST.ASC] [ENTER]

ENTER DOS OUTPUT FILE NAME: [ENTER]

TRANSLATION OF TEST.ASC TO TEST.TRN
IN PROGRESS...

TRANSLATION COMPLETE

XXXX CHAR IN INPUT FILE

XXXX CHAR IN OUTPUT FILE

ENTER DOS INPUT FILE NAME (PRESS ENTER IF
NONE)? [ENTER]

A>