

PLUG OF THE MONTH

What Software Dreams Are Made Of?

When I went on a reluctant search for a Windows replacement for my trusted offline reader Deluxe, it was with great sadness. Mark Herring, the inventor of the “*quick format*”, was obviously inspired when he developed Deluxe. For whatever the reasons, he failed to keep Deluxe *Windows ready*. In fairness, one could always run it in a DOS windows and flawlessly bop around one’s system, storing, referring, and composing Email messages. The crucial push to change came with the Internet and its quite separate but demanding requirements of non-standard addresses, reliable file attachment, and an increasing need for an expandable address book.

What will my *dream* off line reader (OLR) do?

The compress-decompress utility should be able to take advantage of extended memory and rapidly pack and unpack messages. Just as important, it will use a block of extended memory as one would use a ram disk with resulting instantaneous access to conferences, bulletins, newfiles, and mail. Speed really makes a difference when handling large mail packets.

My spelling disability coupled with the refusal to learn to touch type requires a robust and built in spell checker. I would like it to be smart enough to check copy for obvious typos and computer jargon without prompting. Ideally draft copy is tied to my Word for Windows spell checker and my Thesaurus. If software can scan systems for device drivers and hardware, it can scan systems for computer jargon like com, lpt, baud, qwk, etc. and put them into a dictionary for further reference.

The address book is perhaps one of the most important features my OLR will have. A hot key will automatically grab high lighted text and insert it into the alphabetical list in the address book. Even better would be a feature that scans an established address book for the name listed and plugs it in appropriately from a yes or no prompt. Additionally it would ask for a new address not present on the list. To make this happen, the address book would have two fields that would (1) list the proper name alphabetically and (2) default to the Internet address unless prompted not to.

Still another feature is a URL file that can be called upon with a mouse click and updated with an ascii editor.

The WindoWatch **PLUG OF THE MONTH** doesn't have all these dream features yet - but wait and see.....it will! I think this is the best Windows Off-line Reader available. With pleasure we present the **The Plug of the Month !**

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CMPQWK v. 142-18 c 1995 by Derek Backus

with "HELP" by Todd Henschell



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CMPQWK has great help files written in English and not computereeze!
CMPQWK has an excellent address book that can capture addresses.
CMPQWK has the capacity to attach files to a message.
CMPQWK has a fine archive system to maintain important messages.
CMPQWK has a tagline manager and twit filter.
CMPQWK has the ability to recover from an error and rebuild.
CMPQWK uses sound files.