JQIZ INSTRUCTIONS:

JQIZ is a quiz program that utilises the standard Palm Pilot DOC text format for the creation of its input. Using a DOC editor on the Palm Pilot or by converting text files to DOC format, anyone can create their own quizes. It was intended as an aide for the learning of languages (especially Japanese kanji), however it may have many more uses.

DOC INPUT FILE:

The format that the DOC text file should be is as follows:

word1:word2 word3:word4

Each line contains 2 words or phrases separated by a colon (:) or semi-colon (;). Due to current restrictions, the text before the colon may contain a space but the text after the colon may not. Also the semi-colon or colon must be an ASCII character and not a double byte Japanese character. (This will be supported in the next release) The DOC file may by compressed or uncompressed and may be of any size (Pilot restrictions allowing). Two example files have been included in this archive. They are the first two grades of the Joyo kanji. The following some examples of input: (You need software such as NJStar Communicator to enter and view Shift-JIS Japanese code)

person;hito
person:l
popular;l<C
,É,ñ,« popular:l<C
kix <ó`;ŠÖ¼`Û<ó`</pre>

You must then use a utility such as MakeDoc to convert the text file to a Pilot prc file.

OPERATION:

Once the program begins execution, it searches for all the DOC files on the Pilot and displays them in a popup list. Chose the quiz file that you desire and then press the OPEN button. Trying to open a DOC file that isn't set out as above will result in the Pilot crashing.

After the file has been opened the first word from the first line will appear. Enter the answer in the answer field and press the ENTER button. If the answer is correct, as 'yes' will appearing in the status area, a 'no' plus the correct answer will appear if the incorrect response was given. The next word will appear in the word field. Once all the questions have been answered, the quiz will loop back to the start.

To use the kanji recognition, enter a kanji in the box then press the CONVERT button. If you make a mistake, or want to clear the box, press the ERASE button. A popup list of 5 Kanji will appear to the right of the box. Select the Kanji that you desired and press the ACCEPT button for it to be published in the answer field. If the you drew was not correctly recognised, press the ERASE button and try again. Once you exit JQIZ, your quiz file and current position will be remember, so that you may continue when the program is run once again.

CUT & PASTE: Characters may but cut from and pasted to the answer field. Highlight the characters that you want to export and then select cut from the edit menu. You may then paste the characters into a dictionary to lookup their meanings.

REQUIREMENTS:

Jqiz must have the jstroke.pdb file loaded for Kanji recognition. It also needs jsuite to be installed to display the recognised Kanji. You can also input Hiragana, Katakana or Kanji using the jsuite input method. Visit the jqiz homepage (http://www4.tpg.com.au/users/mick99/jqiz.html) for all required files.

WHERE TO GET QUIZ FILES:

Jqiz is only as good as the content of its quiz files. I have had many request for more files, more kanji etc. I appeal to anyone who creates quiz files help others by emailing me the file (in text format). I will make it available for download from the Jqiz homepage for the benefit of all. All files will be accompanied by a description and the name of the author.

Send bugs/comments/quiz files to: mick99@tpg.com.au Jqiz home page: http://www4.tpg.com.au/users/mick99/jqiz.html Updated 13th May, 1999.

Revision 1.1 13th May, 1999. -Cut and Paste now works. Kanji characters can be exported from the answer field by highlighting them and then cutting from the edit menu. -Accept button now detects if there isn't a kanji to be accepted.

Revision 1.2 28th July, 1999. -Fixed the bug which crashed many systems (especially Palm OS2) just after the jqiz had initialised. -Enter button now checks to see if there is an answer in the answer field and prints an error message if there is not.

What's next: -Ability to remember and retest mistaken items