

## **WFGUT (File Gutter) 1.00S**

### **What is WFGUT**

File Gutter for Windows (TM) and OS/2 (TM) is a text file filter utility. It strips characters that are not ASCII text characters (those above 127 and below 32). What it is not is a "text file formatter." However, it will format 95% of any file fed to it, into line lengths of approximately 60 characters unless the user inputs a different length.

This is especially handy for transporting word processor files from one format to another. As an example: Most documentation files for Windows applications come with ".WRI" file format. If you were to list this type of file to your display under DOS, you would see what appears to be text convoluted with garbage characters. And, many lines will be over 200 characters in length. FGUT will strip the garbage and trim the line lengths WITHOUT chopping off any characters. The stripped file may then be loaded and formatted by another Windows, OS/2 (or DOS) application.

### **Installation**

As WFGUT is a simple utility, I feel it unnecessary to iconize it to the shell. Copy the small (38,070 bytes) WFGUT\_1S.EXE file into any directory you wish -- C:\WINDOWS is always the handiest. To execute WFGUT\_1S simply "Run" it from the Program Manager.

### **Using WFGUT**

WFGUT expects the user to supply the Input and Output Filename in the edit boxes. The line length input box is set at 60 characters as the default. This may be changed to any length the user desires. It is recommend that you use a character length of 70 when a document contains a left margin indent (as opposed to the text being flush left or at a margin of zero).

The default end of line terminator is a LINEFEED. You may toggle between LINEFEED and CARRIAGE RETURN by choosing the the LF or CR options in the RadioButton Box.

You may move between the edit boxes using a mouse or the TAB key.

Once the the filenames and other choices have been correctly specified, move the mouse cursor to the START button and the processes begins. A meter will appear showing the progress. When the meter has reached 100% a message will appear (Press Any Key To Continue). Either press a key on the keyboard or click on the START button to continue.

You may use a DOS path and Filename (ex: C:\mydir\readme.wri) for both the Input and Output Filenames. If you make a mistake typing the Filenames you may use Backspace, Delete or the Arrow Keys to make corrections (Insert is always ON).

One thing you should NEVER DO is use the same Filename for the Input and Output! You will lose the original file by attempting it.

### **How it Works**

WFGUT strips all non-ASCII characters below ASCII 32 and above 127. This includes Linefeeds and Carriage Returns. As it reads a line of characters and approaches the Right Margin Cutoff, it looks for a SPACE character (ASCII 32). When it encounters this character, it places a Linefeed or Carriage Return in place of the SPACE.

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The Shareware version is approx. **10 times SLOWER** than the Registered version. Other than this "incentive" to register, the program is FULLY FUNCTIONAL.

Thank you for trying WFGUT. As you will see, the registration fee is extremely reasonable. The reason: many people have contacted me with regard to such a Text Filter Utility. The majority are hard working, family oriented individuals, with little extra cash.

If you fall under this category and have need of a DOS or Windows Utility, let me hear from you. I will strongly consider all ideas proposed.

To register, print the REGISTER.FRM to your printer and fill out the required information.

Requirements: A PC-Compatible with at least a 386-SX CPU. Windows 3.1 or OS/2. A mouse. Memory requirements are minimal (the program is an executable and needs no runtime module or overlay).

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