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Chapter 1

Convaski-GB

1.1 Contents

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To convert files from one Ascii set to another one

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1.2 Introduction

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Convaski converts Ascii files from one character set to another. Convaski is written in E, version 2.1b. If you're looking for references in conversion tables, look at <ftp://unicode.org>, or <http://www.unicode.org>.

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1.3 What do I need?

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Convaski needs:

-- an Amiga (of course. . .), -- Workbench 2.0 or superior, -- CrossDos-like program to communicate with the PC and Macintosh worlds or CrossMac if you're only interested in Macintosh (but it's a commercial product).

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1.4 Workbench use

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You can put Convaski where you want. As the default language is English, you do not need the drawer named Catalogs (French and Spanish translations). When you double-click on the Convaski icon, you can see several buttons and gadgets. Here is the description of their use.

· Convaski 3.0 Z O ----- Help... About... Quit Open... View

Convert Direction: [Cl Amiga -> Mac](#) Memory: [Cl Maximal](#) Viewer: [sys:utilities/more](#) Curved quotes Auto From [i To d](#)

Convaski 3.0 Z O -----

100 % Stop -----

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1.5 Close gadget

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Close gadget

When you click in this gadget, Convaski sleeps until you reactivate it by double-clicking on its AppIcon on the Workbench screen.

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1.6 Zoom gadget

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Zoom gadget

When you click on the gadget zoom, the window is reduced to its title bar. You have to click again on this gadget to resize the window to its original state.

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1.7 Help...

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Help...

A first click brings the help requester. Another one ends the help mode.

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1.8 About...

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About...

Some information about the [author](#) .

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Open...

Click to get a file requester in order to choose a file or a drawer. You can convert a whole directory. For this, no file name must be written in the File gadget in the file requester. You can get a drawer requester by holding down the shift key while you're clicking on Open... Please note that the pattern gadget content [generally #? or ~(#?.info)] will be used as a filter. For example, just imagine you wrote: c#?s in the Pattern gadget. In this case, Convaski will only convert filename beginning with c and ending in s (case is irrelevant). For further information on how to use pattern, please see your AmigaDOS manual. You can also drag a file or a drawer icon on the Convaski window (where you want, except on the `Viewer' or `To' gadgets zones).

See also: [FROM=](#) .

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1.10 Viewer

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Viewer

Enter the name of your preferred text viewer here. Please write the complete path to it. Default: sys:utilities/more (unless you modify the [VIEWER](#) tool type).

See also: [VIEWER=](#) .

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1.11 View

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View

Launches the [viewer](#) to see the currently selected file content.

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1.12 Convert

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Convert

To begin the conversion of the file or of an entire drawer. Don't forget to check the [direction](#) of the conversion and the [memory](#) settings. If a drawer is to be converted, a request will pop up to ask for a confirmation. You can jump this by holding down the shift key while clicking on Convert.

See also: [NOCONFIRM](#) .

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1.13 Direction

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Direction

To choose the direction. Quite simple. In `Psion -> Amiga`, Psion actually refers to the IBM (?) 850-2 codepage. This character set is used in, of course, the Psion but also in the Canon StarWriter models (at least tested with the 30 one).

See also: **DIRECTION=** .

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1.14 Curved quotes

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Curved quotes

If you want the converted file with smart quotes on the Mac or on the PC, tick this gadget.

Example. The sentence:

The guy says: "Who wrote: 'Nuclear tests are f... dangerous'?"

will be converted in

The guy says: ``Who wrote: `Nuclear tests are f... dangerous'?''' ^^^^ || || |-----|-----|
+--> This will be only one character on Mac or PC. | Please note the direction of the single quote.

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1.15 Auto

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Auto

This function allows the program to automatically detect any changes made on the chosen file for the conversion. When such changes are detected, the conversion begins alone in the background. (Option not available when a drawer was chosen.) NOTEZ BIEN. Some file systems (CrossDos one, for example) do not support this feature (called `notification'). In such a case, a requester will appear.

See also: **WINDOW=** , **AUTO** , **FROM=** .

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1.16 Memory

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Memory

Normal. -- The file to convert is completely loaded in memory before conversion. Some problems can arise with very large files: see next option. Minimal. -- All is done as the conversion goes. The file is read byte after byte. Best option when files are in the RAM disk. Maximal. -- Everything occurs in memory. A temporary file is created (see **TEMPDRAWER**).

See also: **MEM=** .

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1.17 From & To

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From & To

`From` shows the file or the drawer you chose with Open or you dragged onto the window. The name of the future converted file appears in `To` preceded by `Cvg_` (or what you **choose**).

See also: **FROM=** , **TODRAWER=** .

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1.18 Progression

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Progression

Shows the progression in percent.

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1.19 Stop

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Stop

To... stop the conversion. If a drawer was being converted, you'll be asked to choose between a total stop or a partial stop.

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1.20 File being converted

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File being converted

Place where the name of the file being converted is written.

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1.21 Quit

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Quit

Guess! Note that a click on the **close gadget** DOES NOT quit the program. Only the QUIT button can be used for that.

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i

This gadget puts up a requester with some information on the file or drawer in the **From** gadget (name, protection flags [sparwed], size, comment]).

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1.23 d

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d

To change the destination drawer. Option not available when a drawer was specified in **TODRAWER** .

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1.24 Tool types settings

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To set these tool types, click on the Convaski icon and choose `Information...` in the Icons menu.

APPICON= APPICONX= et APPICONY=

AUTO BIP

DIRECTION FROM=

MEM= NOCONFIRM=

PREFIX= PUBSCREEN=

QUOTES= REQUESTDRAWER=

TEMPDRAWER= TODRAWER=

VIEWER= WINDOW=

If the option is within parentheses [e.g. (QUOTES=YES/NO)], Convaski will not see it. If you want the option to be activated, get rid of the parentheses and write only one option: QUOTES=NO.

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1.25 MEM=

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MEM=

NORM or MINI or MAXI. See **Memory** for a detailed explanation.

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1.26 VIEWER=

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VIEWER=

Write the name of your preferred viewer (path included). Default: sys:utilities/more.

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1.27 NOCONFIRM

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NOCONFIRM

This option disables various warning requesters in Convaski (no warning before writing to a yet existing file, etc.).

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1.28 DIRECTION=

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DIRECTION=

Write after the = the number (1 to 7) corresponding to the direction of the conversion you want: 1. Amiga -> Macintosh 2. Amiga -> PC-Windows 3. Macintosh -> Amiga 4. Macintosh -> PC-Windows 5. PC-Windows -> Amiga 6. PC-Windows -> Macintosh 7. Psion -> Amiga

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1.29 QUOTES=

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QUOTES=

YES (if you want a 'clever' conversion of the quotes) or NO.

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1.30 REQUESTDRAWER=

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REQUESTDRAWER=

Write the path where you want the file requester to first open. Default: ram:.

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1.31 WINDOW=

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WINDOW=

Three possibilities: 1. WINDOW=SLEEP. Convaski starts up but opens no window. An ApplCon is nevertheless still present on the WB screen. Interesting when used with **AUTO** and **FROM** since Convaski will only open a small window during the conversion. 2. WINDOW=ZIP. Convaski opens its main window but in its `zipped' state (only the title bar remains). 3. WINDOW=YES. Option by default.

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TEMPDRAWER=

Write the path of the place in which you want the temporary file to be created when the option `Memory: Maximal' is used. Try to choose a fast medium with enough free room. Default: T: (i.e., if you changed nothing, a drawer in the RAM disk).

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1.33 TODRAWER=

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TODRAWER=

Write the drawer in which EVERY file converted will be put. Default: the same drawer as the file to be converted.

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1.34 BIP

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BIP

If you want a beep at the end of the conversion.

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1.35 PREFIX=

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PREFIX=

You can change the three letters before the file name of the converted file. Default: Cvg. An underscore (_) will be added after your own letters. Examples : If the file name is... If PREFIX= If PREFIX=testing TextME _TextME tes_TextME somethingelse _somethingelse tes_somethingelse

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1.36 PUBSCREEN=

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PUBSCREEN=

The Convaski window always opens on the Workbench screen. If you prefer it to open on a public screen, write the public screen name with this tool type. Be careful: from WB 2.0 to WB 3.0, case is significant when choosing a public screen name (no more with 3.1).

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1.37 FROM=

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FROM=

To choose the initial content of the `From` gadget. See [AUTO](#) to understand this function utility.

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1.38 AUTO

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AUTO

Why this tool type? Let's see it. First you choose a file with [FROM](#) . Then you ask Convaski to use the [Auto](#) option by using this tool type. Your file is then ready to be converted without any further manipulation. You can even use [WINDOW=SLEEP](#) to prevent Convaski from opening its main window!

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1.39 APPICON=

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APPICON=

The Convaski AppIcon is Convaski's own icon. But if you prefer another one, put its name here, WITHOUT the .info extension.

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1.40 APPICONX= et APPICONY=

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APPICONX= & APPICONY=

Choose where the AppIcon will be on the WB screen.

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