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Chapter 1

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1.1 No title

NewFDConvert

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1.2 What is it?

NewFDConvert

FDConvert is the program supplied with Blitz Basic 2, which converts 3rd-party library .fd files into Blitz format.

This is just a quick hack-job to make FDConvert a lot friendlier to use,by adding a couple of file requesters...

I've tried not to use any commands which aren't in the manual, so it should still work on WB1.3 (if it ever did!)

1.3 Usage

Usage

Just run it from WB or CLI (no parameters any more, otherwise there's no point ;))

You'll be asked for the .fd file you want to convert, followed by another requester to get the name of the library you're converting.

Then it asks if you want to add a suffix to the end of the commands.

Example

For FDInfo.library, you'd unpack the fidlib80.lha archive to RAM:, install the FDInfo.library in your libs drawer, and run NewFDConvert.

You'd choose "RAM:FileID_Library/include/fd/FileID_lib.fid" in the first requester, then "LIBS:FileID.library" in the second requester (this actually just gets the name for the new Blitz library, so you can really select any library and it'll work, but you don't really want your FileID conversion to be called PowerPacker.library1, do you? ;)

If you wanted the commands to have a particular suffix on the end, you can type one in : for example, with a suffix of "Thing", MadeUpCommand_ would become MadeUpCommand_Thing.

Otherwise just press return to accept the default command names.

The program should then generate your new library, and ask you for an ID number to assign to the new library.

This is where it gets awkward - get BlitzLibManager from <ftp://x2ftp.oulu.fi/pub/amiga/prog/blitz/> to find out what library IDs are free on your setup, but be warned that on my setup, even though it says ID #1 is free, choosing ID #1 screws the new library up...so choose a later free ID.

BlitzLibManager is still an invaluable program, though, so get it NOW! It does much more than this...

1.4 Contact

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