GJG Macros
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FormattedAscii / SimpleAscii
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This template contains two macros to aid in the conversion of a Word for Windows document to a formatted ascii file.

Both macros assume that you have the "Generic / Text Only" printer driver installed on your system. If you do not, please read pages 162-164 in the Windows manual and install the Generic printer (TTY.DRV) and connect it to FILE:

The more complex of the two *CreateFormattedAscii* will take a Word for Windows document that contains intricate formatting -- tables, columns, underline, bold, centering, etc etc -- and create a document that is compatible with uploading to a telecommunications service. It deletes headers and footers, and can be made to replace special characters with Ascii equivalents (for instance, as shipped, it searches for EPSBullets, Chr$(183), and replaces them with Asterisks; you could add to this list).

SimpleAscii is faster but much more primitive. It assumes that you are creating a document specifically for conversion to Ascii, and therefore have not used underline, bold, header/s footers, and the like.

> Note: On some bulletin board systems, and in some communications programs, a blank line is not automatically translated properly (the host needs at least a space or it goes into command mode). By default these two macros replace a blank line (that is, a stand alone carriage return) with a space+Carriage return. You could change this to any other character by editing the Blank$ Constant at the top of the macro.

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