

This version was compiled under 2.1. It should run fine under 2.0. Don't ask me about 3.0.

Notes simply reads and displays the contents of the rich text format file `~/Notes`. You can edit the displayed text and the edited version is saved automatically when you quit *Notes* or log off. The idea is to have *Notes* auto-launched to remind yourself of what you were doing when you logged off.

As a convenience, *Notes* does not display its window when auto-launched if the file is empty. Double clicking on *Notes*'s icon will display the window.

There are menu items to save the current text, to reload the text and to quit *Notes* without saving the text. These are useful if you are logged into more than one machine, to ensure that the most current version of the text is the one that is saved.

Notes provides a service item called *Note*, which places the current ASCII or Rich Text selection in the text in the *Notes* window: if text is selected in *Notes*'s window, then that selection is replaced, otherwise the text

is placed on a new line at the start or end of *Notes*'s text according to the preference setting. I haven't put in a command-key equivalent for this menu item: I don't believe services should come with built in equivalents, since the programmer has no way of knowing if it will override your favourite key in your favourite application. You can use Preferences to set an equivalent for all applications, or use `DefaultManager` (or `dwrite`) to set an equivalent for a particular application (the default for command keys is `NXCommandKeys` and has the form "item,key,item,key,¼"). I find it useful to set `N' as the equivalent in Terminal and Edit.

Notes is similar in purpose to (and was inspired by) *Todo*, but I didn't like the window always appearing when I logged in even if the text was empty. In addition, *Notes* remembers the size and location of its main window. All coding is original (sorry about the mess). One possible extension would be to have the text saved every x minutes, in case you've stored some vital scrap of information and your NeXT crashes. Maybe I'll get around to it sometime.

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