

WORD MINDER

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Word Minder is a Startup Document, or INIT, that deletes the leftover Microsoft Word files you sometimes find in your System Folder. You know the kind: Word Temp 1, Word Temp 2, etc.

To install *Word Minder*, simply put it into your System Folder and restart your Macintosh. *Word Minder* checks for files named Word Temp 1 through Word Temp 5. If one or more exists, you will be asked if you want to delete them.

A note about Word Temp files: These files can sometimes contain useful information. In the event of a system crash, you can choose “Open Any File” in Word (by looking at the available “Commands” while in the Full Menus mode), and open the “Word Temp X” file. Some of your document might be in there, but it doesn’t have any formatting. If you’ve saved the document relatively recently, it’s much easier to just open it and re-enter your changes, rather than reformatting it (you DO save your documents often, don’t you?). However, if you haven’t saved the document recently, you may want the file. That’s why *Word Minder* gives you the option of not deleting the files.

Changes from version 1.0b1:

- Word Minder* now uses no memory while the machine is running.

- Word Minder* now only deletes files at startup.

- Word Minder* now asks if you want to delete the files.

- Internal code improvements, and removal of the annoying “Bewitched” sound.

Changes reflected in the current version are a result of suggestions from David F. Bishop (thanks!). I did not know that another utility existed for this purpose when I originally wrote *Word Minder* (I am speaking of John Rotenstein’s excellent Temperament utility). You may want to check out Temperament; it does the same thing as Word Minder, except that you can easily configure the type of deletions, including the file names and a couple of other options. However, Temperament does not ask you if you want to

delete the files if it finds them—it just does it. So I guess it's a matter of choice—I personally prefer *Word Minder* because it gives you the choice of deleting files, and is a smaller utility. Then again, I wrote it, so my opinion is slightly tilted.

If you are technically inclined and want to change the names of the files to be deleted (perhaps for foreign language versions of Word, or for “temporary” files created by other programs), you can use ResEdit to change the contents of STR# 128. All you need is the name, not the file type/creator, but you're limited to 5 file names.

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