BetterEdit

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1.2   What's it all about

BetterEdit is yet another EditHook.

It adds ALOT of functions to the stringgadgets, which are used by almost every program with GUI.

So if you use stringgadgets alot (who doesn't?) you really should consider to install BetterEdit.

1.3   How to install BetterEdit

You should have atleast Kick V39+

Either drag the icon to your WBStartup drawer or:

Copy BetterEdit to C: and add this line to your User-Startup or Startup-Sequence:

C:BetterEdit

Reboot your machine and test it!

1.4   Don't take anything for granted, Support shareware!

BETTEREDIT IS RELEASED AS POSTCARD-WARE, THIS MEANS THAT IF YOU USE IT, YOU'LL HAVE TO SEND ME A POSTCARD!

The only response I got, releasing the last version, was some few suggestions/ReqTools-bugreports, nobody wrote just to tell me that they appreciate my work, and I find this a little sad 8(Therefore this version is SHAREWARE, meaning that you may not use this program without sending a postcard.

If only few writes, then you can be certain than the next version will need a keyfile to work optimal!

If you can't afford a stamp, an email will do!

1.5   Bla bla bla...

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1.6   Functions of BetterEdit

If you use a common editor you should be familiar with some of the following keys, since they're kind of standard.

Amiga + b = Go into BlockMode. also see Mouse

Amiga + c = Copy either the hole string, or the blocked text.

Amiga + d = Decrease nearest number with one.

Amiga + g = Switch case on current character.

Amiga + G = Switch case from cursor to end of word.

Amiga + i = Increase nearest number with one.

Amiga + q = Undo all changes.

Amiga + v = Paste from clipboard

Amiga + x = Cut either the hole string, or the blocked text.

Only in blockmode will it be copied to clipboard.

Amiga + Tab = Complete filename, hold down shift to cycle backwards.

Ctrl + Tab = -||-

Amiga + Key = Send the pressed key to the window, use shift to send keys as q,b,c...

Alt + 3·NumKey = 3 numbers, pastes the ascii representation of the written number.

E.g. hold <ALT> and press 0-1-0 (on numerickeyboard) then a <LF> is pasted

Ctrl + Cr Left = Move cursor to start of current word.

Ctrl + Cr Right = Move cursor to start of next word.

Ctrl + Backspace = Delete from cursor to start of current word.

Ctrl + Delete = Delete from cursor to start of next word.

Alt + Cr Left = Move cursor left until it reach a dot.

Alt + Cr Right = Move cursor right until it reach a dot.

Alt + Backspace = Delete to the left until it reach a dot.

Alt + Delete = Delete to the right until it reach a dot.

Shft + Cr Left = Move cursor to start of string.

Shft + Cr Right = Move cursor to end of string.

Shft + Backspace = Delete from cursor to start of string.

Shft + Delete = Delete from cursor to end of string.

Explanation of used terms:

Switch case means; convert uppercase characters to lowercase, and lower to upper, e.g.fOO-bAR would be Foo-Bar.

Nearest number is more specific the first number placed under or on the right side of the cursor, if there is no match, it'll then go from cursor pos and to the left.

Words are separated by one or more non-alphanumerical characters, means that "foo_bar" are two words, since _ is non-alphanumerical.

1.7   How about it!

Have you ever wanted to copy the pre/suf-fix of the name in the stringgadget, or cut out the middle of it - move an argument or similar.

If you know MS-Windows, you might have noticed that you, via the mouse, can block out text in stringgadgets. Unfortunately the global edithook (BetterEdit) is not called when user presses a mouse button inside a stringgadget.

Instead move your cursor to where the block should start

Press Amiga+b, and move the cursor to whereever you want the block to stop.

Press Amiga+c to copy the block to the clipboard or press Amiga+x to move the block to the clipboard.

You can also press Amiga+b, which will leave the blockmode.

If you (in blockmode) activates another stringgadget or a program calls GadTools/SetAttrs on the current stringgadget, the blockmode will be disabled.

· From version 1.4 it is possible to block via the mouse.

1.8   Blocking via the mouse

1 Point at first char, you want blocked, and hold lmb.

2 Press any key. (this will not be pasted - don't use qualifiers)

3 Release lmb.

The block should be activated.

Do it again, but this time point at the char after the last char, that you want blocked.

The block should be copied!

1.9   Filename completion

This can both complete a volume/assign/device or filename, but spaces in the volume/assign/device name will confuse the filename completion (will be fixed!)

If you need to enter a picture name like "Graphics:Own stuff/Great Logo.64Cols" you can save alot of typing by using the filename completion function, which I will explain via an example:

First enter "gr", and press Amiga+Tab, then BetterEdit will search the doslist for an volume/assign/device name starting with gr, the first match are then pasted into the stringgadget (a screen flash upon failure)

Pressing Amiga+Tab again won't give you next match, but instead the first file in Graphics: (this might change.)

Now you need the sub dir "Own stuff/", so simply write ow followed by Amiga+Tab, volla "Own stuff/" should be pasted.

And last but not least the file "Great Logo.64Cols", you then enter gre, press Amiga+Tab, and get "Great Font.8Cols", ups!, just press Amiga+Tab again to get next match, if you get to far you press Amiga+Shift+Tab for previous match.

You can use the Ctrl-key instead of Amiga-key

1.10   Look forward to this...

"Amiga + Shift + c", append string to clipboard, like PowerSnaps "Multi Snap".

"Amiga + Shift + v", clear string before pasting, idea from MCP!!!

These two suggestions would conflict with "Send key to win", since c would be impossible to send, and this is often used as Cancel, so I will think twice before implementing this.

Some kind of macro stuff...

First time stringgad. is activated, everything should be blocked, a cursor move would then unblock, or a key press would clear...

This idea is adapted from Windows, and I'm not quite sure that I would like it implemented, but in some cases it would be cool (Performer!)

I'll also be able to do some key-to-win for MUI apps., but curently not before the next version of RT is out...

Please SNail-/E-Mail me some more suggestions, or comment the Windows idea!

1.11   Bugs in BetterEdit

Problems so far...

If the last character in the block, or the character under the cursor (only in blockmode!) has negative textspacing, you might experience some cosmetical problems.

When the cursor is placed last in the string gadget, and blockmode is on, I have some problems desiding how big the cursor actually is.

When the string gadget is empty, the cursor will not change color when BlockMode is selected.

If you find other bugs or just have some suggestions, call/write or visit me! I'll Do That

1.12   I did it

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1.13   The making of BetterEdit.

BetterEdit V1.4 (15-Apr-96):

Removed the Esc function.

Filenamecompletion adds a space to filenames.

Press <ALT> + 3 digits on numeric-board,

and the ascii representation will be pasted.

Fixed problem with SendKeyToWin & ReqTools.

Block colors are now using the driverpens:

FILLPEN & FILLTEXTPEN. (default: black on blue)

Which should be setable in any good program!

However, if the pens already are used as

the stringgadgets colors (like in DOpus 4.x),

then BetterEdit will eor these pens.

Block via mouse (see mouse)

BetterEdit V1.3 (9-Feb-96):

Released on AmiNet!!!

Some minor bugfixes.

Now Amiga-x will only copy the string into clipboard

in blockmode; Demanded by Sune Foldager and Mads Henriksen

BetterEdit V1.2 (16-Jan-96):

Filename completion works with AmiFileSafePro,

this isn't a bug in BetterEdit, but in AFSP!!!

You can now name-complete files starting with:

'"', '>' & '=' - Unfortunatly you can't use these

3 characters as part of your volumename...

E.g. Echo "foo" >T:b... (Would work)

Setting=EnvA... (Would also work)

"RAM:Clipbo... (Ofcoz' it worls)

(The filename analysation routine will soon be

rewritten, to a more clever routine....)

BetterEdit V1.1 (05-Nov-95):

Works 100% with MUI and ReqTools Stringgadgets.

Added Amiga key as qualifier for Filename completion.

Esc will now inactive the gadget (this is NOT the same as return)

BetterEdit V1.0 (30-Oct-95):

In BlockMode; the selected text is now inverted.

Also the cursor changes color.

Amiga + Key (optional shift), will send

a keypress to the active window.

BetterEdit V0.9ß (07-Oct-95):

Beta release.