

Technical Note TE13

StyLED TextEdit Changes in System 6.0

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Some changes were made to TextEdit in System 6.0 to provide more functionality and to make life easier for the programmer using TextEdit. This Note documents those changes and enhancements.

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TextEdit Changes

In order to improve the usability of styled TextEdit, some routines have been changed, and some new routines have been added. These changes exist in System Software 6.0 and later. If you intend to rely on any of these changes or new routines, it is important that you call `_SysEnviron`s first to make sure you are running under System Software 6.0 or later.

`_SysEnviron`s is documented in *Inside Macintosh*, Volume V and M.OV.GestaltSysenvirons. To check for the styled TextEdit changes, you might do the following:

```
VAR
    theWorld:   SysEnvRec;
    anErr      :   OSErr;

BEGIN
    anErr := SysEnviron(1, theWorld);
    IF (anErr = noErr) AND (theWorld.systemVersion >= $0600) THEN ...
        {System 6.0 or later}
```

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Changes to Existing Routines

`_TEKey` and `_TEDelete` have been changed so that backspacing to the beginning of a style no longer deletes that style. Instead, the style is saved in the `nullScrap` to be applied to subsequently typed characters. As soon as the user has backspaced past the beginning of the style, or clicked in some other area of the text, the style is removed.

`GetStylScrap` now returns a handle to a valid style scrap record when called for an insertion point (`selStart = selEnd`). `NIL` is still returned when `GetStylScrap` is called with an old style `TEHandle`.

`TESetStyle` now accepts an additional mode, `doToggle` (`= 32`). When `doToggle` is specified along with `doFace`, `TESetStyle` operates as follows: If a style specified in the given `TextStyle` parameter exists across the entire selected range, that style is removed (turned off). Otherwise, all of the selected text is set to include that style. When a particular style is set for an entire selection range, that style is said to be continuous over the selection.

For example, given that the following text is the current selection:



then the style `bold` is continuous over the selection range and the `italic` style is not. If `TESetStyle` were called with a mode of `doFace + doToggle` and a `TextStyle` `tsFace` field of `[bold]`, then the resulting selection would be:



On the other hand, if `TESetStyle` had been called with a mode of `doFace + doToggle` and a `TextStyle` `tsFace` field of `[italic]`, then the selected text would have become:



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New TextEdit Routines

Some new routines have been added to TextEdit, `TEContinuousStyle`, `SetStylScrap`, `TECustomHook`, and `TENumStyles`. These routines are described in detail below.

Assembly language note:

The new TextEdit routines are called via the `_TEDispatch` trap. Following are the decimal selectors for the new routines:

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TEContinuousStyle

```
FUNCTION TEContinuousStyle(VAR mode : Integer; VAR aStyle : TextStyle;
```

TEContinuousStyle gives you information about the attributes of the current selection. The mode parameter, which takes the same values as in TEsETStyle, specifies which attributes should be checked. When TEContinuousStyle returns, the mode parameter indicates which of the checked attributes is continuous over the selection range and the aStyle parameter is set to reflect the continuous attributes.

TEContinuousStyle returns TRUE if all of the attributes to be checked are continuous and FALSE if not. In other words, if the mode parameter is the same before and after the call, then TEContinuousStyle returns TRUE.

For example, TEContinuousStyle is useful for marking the style menu items based on the current selection.

```
mode := doFace;
IF TEContinuousStyle(mode, aStyle, myTE) THEN BEGIN
{ There is at least one face that is continuous over the
  selection. Note that it might be plain which is actually
  the absence of all styles. }
  CheckItem(styleMenu, plainItem, aStyle.tsFace = []);
  CheckItem(styleMenu, boldItem, bold IN aStyle.tsFace);
  CheckItem(styleMenu, italicItem, italic IN aStyle.tsFace);
  ...etc.
END ELSE BEGIN
{ No text face is common to the entire selection. }
  CheckItem(styleMenu, plainItem, FALSE);
  CheckItem(styleMenu, boldItem, FALSE);
  CheckItem(styleMenu, italicItem, FALSE);
  ...etc.
```

This function can also be used to determine the actual values for those attributes that are continuous for the selection. Note that a field in the TextStyle record is only valid if the corresponding bit is set in the mode variable; otherwise the field contains garbage. For example, to determine the font, face, size, and color of the current selection:

```
mode := doFont + doFace + doSize + doColor;
continuous := TEContinuousStyle(mode, aStyle, myTE);
IF BitAnd(mode, doFont) <> 0 THEN
  { Font for selection = aStyle.tsFont. }
ELSE
  { More than one font in selection. };

IF BitAnd(mode, doFace) <> 0 THEN
  { aStyle.tsFace contains the text faces (or plain) that are
    common to the selection. }
ELSE
  { No text face is common to the entire selection. };

IF BitAnd(mode, doSize) <> 0 THEN
  { Size for selection = aStyle.tsSize. }
ELSE
  { More than one size in selection. };

IF BitAnd(mode, doColor) <> 0 THEN
  { Color for selection = aStyle.tsColor. }
ELSE
```

The aStyle.tsFace field is a bit tricky. When TEContinuousStyle returns a mode that contains doFace, and an aStyle.tsFace field that contains [bold, italic], it means that the selected text is all bold and all italic, but may contain other text faces as well. None of the other faces will apply to all of the selected text, or they would have been

included in the `tsFace` field. But if the `tsFace` field is the empty set (`[] = plain`), then all of the selected text is plain.

If the current selection range is an insertion point, `TEContinuousStyle` returns the style information for the next character to be typed. `TEContinuousStyle` will always return `TRUE` in this case, and each field of the `TextStyle` record will be set if the corresponding bit in the `mode` parameter was set.

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SetStylScrap

```
PROCEDURE SetStylScrap(rangeStart, rangeEnd : LongInt;
```

`SetStylScrap` performs the opposite function of `GetStylScrap`. The `newStyles` parameter is a handle to a style scrap record which will be applied over the given range of text. The current selection range is not changed. If `newStyles` is `NIL` or `hTE` is a handle to an old style `TERecord`, `SetStylScrap` does nothing.

`SetStylScrap` will terminate without error if it prematurely reaches the end of the range or if there are not enough scrap style elements to cover the whole range. In the latter case, the last style in the scrap record will be applied to the remainder of the range.

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TENumStyles

```
FUNCTION TENumStyles(rangeStart, rangeEnd : LongInt;
```

This function returns the number of style changes contained in the given range, counting one for the start of the range. Note that this does not necessarily represent the number of unique styles for the range, because some styles may be repeated. For old-style TextEdit records, this function always returns 1.

This function is useful for calculating the amount of memory that would be required for a contemplated `_TECut` or `_TECopy`. Since the style scrap record is linear in nature, with one element for each style change, you can multiply the result returned by `TENumStyles` by `SizeOf(ScrpSTElement)` and add 2 to get the amount of memory that will be needed.

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TECustomHook

```
PROCEDURE TECustomHook(which : TEHook; VAR addr : ProcPtr;
```

This procedure lets applications customize the functions of TextEdit by setting the TextEdit bottleneck routines. The `which` parameter specifies which bottleneck routine to replace, and is of type `TEHook` (described below). When `TECustomHook` returns, the `addr` parameter contains the address of the previous bottleneck routine specified by `which`. This is returned so that bottleneck routines can be daisy-chained.

```
TYPE
```

The internally used fields, `recalBack` and `recalLines` now form a handle to the list of TextEdit bottleneck routines. Each `TERecord` has its own set of bottleneck routines to provide for maximum flexibility. The `TECustomHook` procedure should always be used to change the bottleneck routines instead of modifying the edit record directly.

Also, it is important to note that you should not clone a `TERec`. Doing so would duplicate the handle stored in `recalBack` and `recalLines`. When one of the TextEdit records was disposed, the handle stored in the copy would be invalid, and TextEdit would crash.

There are four bottleneck routines, `TEEOLHook`, `TEWidthHook`, `TEDrawHook`, and `TEHitTestHook`, described individually below. When replacing these routines, note that all registers except those specified as containing return values must be preserved. Registers `A3` and `A4` contain a pointer and a handle to the TextEdit record respectively. Line

start positions can be obtained from the `lineStarts` array in the edit record.

None of these bottleneck routines are called from `_TextBox`.

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TEEOLHook

This routine tests a given character and returns with the appropriate status flags set in the status register. The default action is to merely compare the character with `$0D` (a carriage return) and return.

On entry: D0 character to compare (byte)

A3 pointer to the TextEdit record (long)

A4 handle to the TextEdit record (long)

On exit: z flag clear if end-of-line character, set otherwise

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TEWidthHook

This routine is called any time the width of various components of a line are calculated. The appropriate font, face, and size characteristics have already been set into the current port by the time this routine is called. The default action is to call `_Char2Pixel` and return.

On entry: D0 length of text to measure (word)

D1 offset into text (word)

A0 pointer to text to measure (long)

A3 pointer to the TextEdit record (long)

A4 handle to the TextEdit record (long)

On exit: D1 width of measured text (word)

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TEDrawHook

This routine is called any time the various components of a line are drawn. The appropriate font, face, and size characteristics have already been set into the current port by the time this routine is called. The default action is to call `_DrawText` and return.

On entry: D0 offset into text (word)

D1 length of text to draw (word)

A0 pointer to text to draw (long)

A3 pointer to the TextEdit record (long)

A4 handle to the TextEdit record (long)

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TEHitTestHook

This routine is called to determine the character position in a line given the horizontal offset, in pixels, from the beginning of a line. The default action is to call `_Pixel2Char` and return. For more information, see the description of `_Pixel2Char` in the Script Manager chapter of *Inside Macintosh*, Volume 5 and the Inside Macintosh Interim Chapter Draft, Script Manager 2.0.

On entry: D0 length of text to hit test (word)

D1 pixel offset from start of text (word)

A0 pointer to start of text (long)

A3 pointer to the TextEdit record (long)

A4 handle to the TextEdit record (long)

On exit: D0 pixel width to last offset (low word)

Boolean = TRUE if a character (high word)

offset corresponding to the pixel width was found.

D1 character offset (word)

D2 Boolean = TRUE if the pixel (word)

offset falls within the left side of the character.

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TextEdit Data Structures

The illustration on the following page is a graphic representation of the TextEdit data structures. You should use this information only for debugging and so you understand what is going on. For reading or writing these data structures, the TextEdit routines should be used. This will help ensure future compatibility.

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