

BigDOC

Windows editor for pocket organizer e-texts.

BigDOC is a text editor with the ability to load and save DOC files. "DOC" refers to the standard format used for storing unlimited size text documents on Palm devices such as the Pilot, Visor, TRG and WorkPad. It is ideal for use with the [QED](#) DOC editor for these organizers. BigDOC also includes powerful formatting and file comparison tools.

With BigDOC you can:

- Prepare large text documents for viewing on your organizer with [QED](#).
- Exchange large text documents between your organizer and your PC.

BigDOC is trialware. To make it stop nagging purchase a registration for only \$15 at <http://visionary2000.com/bigdoc>

Usage

Convert a PC text file to a DOC file:

1. Click FILE, OPEN and select the file on your PC. This should be a simple text file, as created in Notepad or by using *save as text* in most other programs. The file size is limited only by the amount of free memory in your organizer.
2. Click FILE, SAVE AS. Set *save as type* to *Doc Files* and also be sure to change the extension on the *file name* to *.prc* and click OK.

Install a DOC on your organizer:

After performing the steps above to create a *.prc* file, click FILE, INSTALL and follow the dialogs. You will be prompted to specify a user and a document title. The document should appear on your organizer after the next HotSync and can be viewed there using [QED](#)

Open a DOC taken from your organizer:

Documents edited on your organizer using [QED](#) can be returned to your PC and saved as text, or modified and returned to your organizer. Click FILE, OPEN. Set *Files of type* to *Doc Files*. Use browse to select the HotSync receive directory (on most systems this is C:\PILOT\<abbreviated_user_name>\BACKUP - you must determine this yourself). Select the desired DOC file and click OK. Once opened the document can be converted to text using FILE, SAVE AS, or modified and put back on your organizer using FILE, SAVE, then FILE, INSTALL PDA.

File Menu

New

Create a blank document.

Open

Open an existing text or DOC file.

Append

Append a selected file to the end of the current document.

Reopen

Open the current document again, discarding any changes.

Save

Save the current document.

Save as

Save the current document as a text or DOC file. See Usage instructions above.

Close

Close the current document, prompting to save if required.

File Info

Display details about the current document file.

Print

Send the current document to a selected printer.

Install PDA

Queue the current document for installation on your organizer.

Exit

Quit BigDOC.

Edit Menu**Undo**

Undoes the most recently editing. It might be repeated backwardly several times depending on the buffer available.

Redo

Restores the editing in the forward manner. It might be repeated several times until the buffer is empty.

Cut

Clears the selected part of the text contents and saves it in the system clipboard.

Copy

Copies the selected part of the text contents unto the system clipboard.

Paste

Pastes the contents of the clipboard into the text contents where the text cursor rests.

Delete

Clears the selected part of the text contents but does not save it in the system clipboard.

Select All

All of the text contents will be selected.

Clear All

All of the text contents will be cleared but the file remains open.

Search Menu**Find**

Searches a given word(s) in the text contents in either forward or backward direction.

Replace

Replaces an old word(s) with the new ones, either once or globally.

Find next

Repeats the searching.

Go to line

Moves the cursor to the specified line. You need to remember the line number beforehand.

Tools Menu**Backup**

Saves the entire text contents as a backup before you make any changes manually.

Revert

Restores the most recent backup that was saved by any tool.

Change cases

Changes all alphabetical characters to either lower or upper case.

Indent

Indents the entire text contents to either right or left depending on the sign of a given number. A negative number is to the left. It truncates all lines on the left side of the first column. A zero number aligns all lines to the first column.

Reformat

Reformats the entire text contents to either fixed or smart wordwrap format. Fixed wordwrap is to break all long lines to a fixed width of the text. The fixed wordwrap cannot be undone. (Use the backup if needed.) Smart wordwrap is to break all long lines with their first non-blank character on the first column. Otherwise, all lines with a blank on the first column are untouched. The smart wordwrap can be repeated.

Remove

Removes unwanted items in the entire text contents. There are several masks to be removed as following: a) Duplicates - Any lines being duplicated from the above line are to be removed. Useful tool for the sorted text if you want to remove duplicates. b) Punctuations - all non-alphanumeric characters are to be replaced with a space. c) Short words - all short words with a given length are to be removed. Useful tool for making an index for the document.

Show ASCII

Shows all extended characters in form of \$xxx if chosen. Otherwise, all lower-coded characters are in form of #xx. It will return all shown characters either extended or lower-coded back to a normal form if Normal is chosen.

Sort

Sorts all lines in the text contents either in ascending or descending order at any given column.

Space

Spaces all lines to a given spacing. Single spacing removes all blank lines. Double spacing doubles all lines in space whereas the triple spacing triples.

Tabulate

Either fills all tabs with spaces or replaces all spaces with tabs. The tab size is given as shown in the Status bar.

Compare

Compares the current text contents against any old file specified by you. The

result is given in the Viewer box.

Dump

Prints all characters in a given file into the text contents in hexadecimal form with indexing addresses. It also prints alphabetic characters at the right. It inquires a number of characters for each printed line. Use a blank document if needed before dumping. Useful tool to determine what a DOC file looks like bit by bit.

View Menu

Load Document

Loads a saved file in either DOC or plain text format onto a viewer box which is displayed at the left upper corner of the screen. Pressing the right button of your mouse will pop up a bookmark list. Select any item in the list and it will show the contents in the viewer box at the top.

Reload

Reloads any of the previously loaded documents shown in the list.

Comparison Log

Views the comparison log if you previously compare the current text contents against a given old file.

Conversion Log

Views the conversion log if either DOC file is converted to the text contents or vice versa.

Options Menu

Auto-indentation

Indents the next line to be aligned with the above line if Auto-indentation is checked. Otherwise, it does not indent any.

Font

Inquires what font you want to use and what size, etc. for the screen as well as the printer.

Tabs

Select filled, real or smart tabs. Filled tabs is to fill spaces whenever a tab key is pressed. Real tabs are real and is not filled with spaces. Smart tabs is to align all words of the above line in the text contents. It inquires what tab size you want.

Wordwrap

Auto-wordwraps all long lines to the width of the text contents. All wordwrapped lines are not fixed.

Help Menu**Help**

Views this help file.

About

Tells about the program and authorship.

Send technical questions to Geo Massar at bigdoc@visionary2000.com

Other communications to: support@visionary2000.com

HelpScribble

HelpScribble is a help authoring tool written by Jan Goyvaerts. This help file was created with the unregistered version of HelpScribble, which is why you can read this ad. Once the author of this help file is so honest to register the shareware he uses, you will not see this ad again in his help files.

Recompiling the help project with the registered version is all it takes to get rid of this ad.

HelpScribble is a stand-alone help authoring tool. It does *not* require an expensive word processor. (Only a help compiler as Microsoft likes keeping the .hlp format secret. Not my fault.)

Here are some of HelpScribble's features:

- The Setup program will *properly* install and uninstall HelpScribble and all of its components, including registry keys.
- Create, edit and navigate through topics right in the main window. No need to mess with heaps of dialog boxes.
- All topics are listed in a grid in the main window so you won't lose track in big help projects. You can even set bookmarks.
- Use the built-in Browse Sequence Editor to easily create browse sequences.
- Use the built-in Window Editor to change the look of your help window and create secondary windows.
- Use the built-in Contents Editor to create Windows 95-style contents files. Works *a lot* better than Microsoft's HCW.
- No need to mess with Microsoft's SHED: use the built-in SHG Editor to create hotspot bitmaps. Draw your hotspots on the bitmap and pick the topic to link to from the list.
- With the built-in Macro Editor you can easily compose WinHelp macros whenever needed. It will tell you what the correct parameters are and provide information on them.
- If you have a problem, just consult the online help. The help file was completely created with HelpScribble, of course.
- HelpScribble is shareware. However, the unregistered version is *not* crippled in any way. It will only add a small note to your help topics to encourage you to be honest and to register the shareware you use.

These options are very interesting for Delphi and C++Builder developers:

- If you are a component writer, use the Delphi Parser to build an outline help file for your component. Just fill in the spaces and you are done. HelpScribble can also extract the comments from your source file and use them as the default descriptions.
- If you are an application writer, HelpScribble provides you with a property editor for the HelpContext property. You can select the topic you need from a list of topic titles or simply instruct to create a new topic. No need to remember obscure numbers.
- The property editor also provides a tree view of all the components on your form and their HelpContext properties. This works very intuitively. (Much nicer than those help tools that simply mess with your .dfm files.)
- HelpScribble can perform syntax highlighting on any Delphi source code in your help file.

HelpScribble is shareware, so feel free to grab your copy today from my web site at <http://www.ping.be/jg/>

