

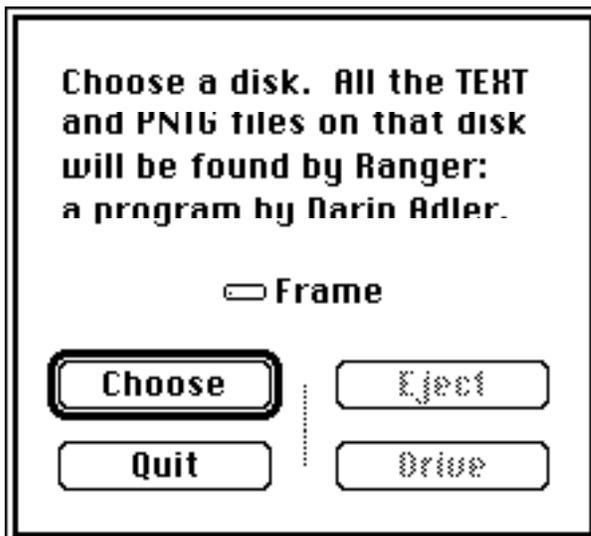


Ranger 2.0
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Recently, I switched from MDS Edit to an editor called QUED. I like this editor a lot, but at the time, I was faced with a problem. All of my text files were Edit documents. Double-clicking them always brought up Edit, and if I deleted Edit, I had to go into the editor (QUED) and choose the file that I wanted to Edit. As time went on, more and more of my files had been created by QUED. Now, whenever I sent source code to friends or posted it, the text files were QUED documents, so that the recipients faced the same problem that I had.

My temporary solution to this problem is Ranger. Ranger looks at all the text files and paintings on a disk and allows you to change the creator and delete the resource fork of all the files quickly. Ranger is also the first program to use what I call the "Standard Volume Package". This is a small front-end for Standard File which makes it suitable for choosing disks rather than files. (It consists of a little bit of machine code, and a small resource file.)

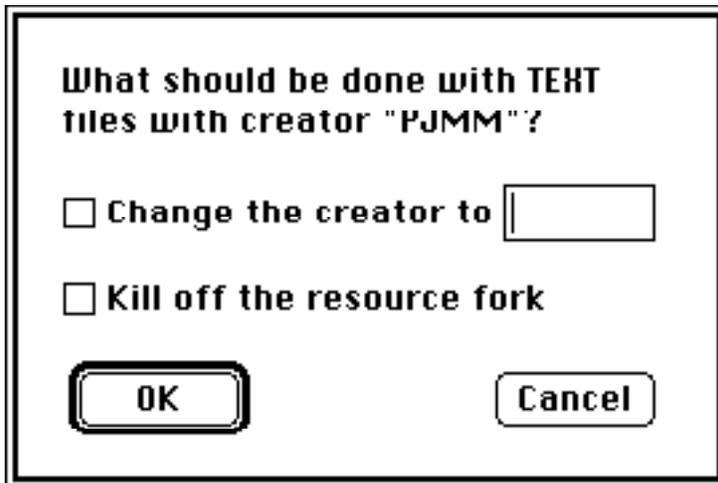
When you double-click Ranger, you will see this dialog box:



The dialog is a Standard Volume dialog. Use all the buttons the same way you would use them in Standard File, and Open a disk. Once you open the disk, you will see a window which tells you the name of the disk (and the names of any folders which are being examined). Ranger will look for all of the text and painting files that it can find. This includes MacTerminal documents and MS-BASIC programs, as well as other kinds of text and painting files.

The version number of Ranger is in the left hand side of the menu bar, where the apple menu normally resides.

Whenever Ranger sees a kind of text file (creator) that it has not seen before, it presents you with this dialog box:



What should be done with TEXT files with creator "PJMM"?

Change the creator to

Kill off the resource fork

OK **Cancel**

Choose the actions that you would like for that particular kind of file and Ranger will use your "recipe" each time it sees that kind of file.

I use Ranger each time I receive a new set of interface files from Apple, to make it easy to look at them.

I also use Ranger on collections of MacPaint documents, so that I can edit them with FullPaint or MacBillboard

Hopefully, some more graceful answer to the multiple text and graphic application "dilemma" will show up. Until then, I hope Ranger is of some help.