

Using the Quote INIT (→ 1.1)

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This INIT was inspired by Philip Borenstein's elegant desk accessory, SmartQuotes. Its function is identical to SmartQuotes. When active the INIT replaces neutral double quotes (") with quote pairs (""), and neutral single quotes (') with apostrophes ('). The substitution can be turned on and off by typing the command-shift-key combination of your choice. The major difference between this INIT and the SmartQuotes DA is that the INIT is global. Once invoked it is active in all applications until specifically deactivated. It can be configured to become active automatically at system startup.

HOW TO INSTALL IT:

I have provided a simple "generator" program that will create the INIT file. The generator allows you to specify the key used in conjunction with command-shift to turn the quote substitution on and off. Any **lowercase** alphabetic or numeric key will work. The generator also allows you to specify whether the INIT will become active automatically at startup or whether it will wait for you to activate it (by giving the appropriate command-shift-key command.) When the generator is done, put the resulting INIT file into your system folder. To remove the INIT, just delete the file or move it out of the system folder.

HOW TO USE IT:

The INIT is turned on and off by hitting the selected shift-command-key combination. When activated the INIT will give a long beep to tell you it's working. Upon deactivation the INIT will give a short beep. Activation and deactivation are very rapid, so you can toggle back and forth with ease. Although the INIT is pretty good at guessing which of the open/close pair you want, it will sometimes make a mistake. Erase the incorrect quote by backspacing and retype it to insert the correct one.

NOTES ON COMPATABILITY:

As far as I can determine this INIT will work everywhere. Be aware that telecommunications systems and BBS's generally won't accept the curly quotes and apostrophes -- turn off the quote substitution if this is a problem. Let me know of any software incompatibilities you find.

NEW IN VERSION 1.1:

The INIT now correctly handles single quote pairs (") even if they're nested within double quotes. It is also smart enough to recognize the continuation of a long quotation through multiple paragraphs and make the typographically correct substitution.

This INIT is free. If you like it please distribute it, along with this documentation. If you experience major problems with this INIT or think of ways that it might be improved, please write me at 44 Boynton St. #2, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.