

Usage notes

126476_PixelRule.tiff ↩

Mac to NeXT text *can not* distinguish a text file from any other file that you might tell it to open. However, the worst that will happen is you give it a binary file and get a resulting file that is gibberish.

If you find a resulting file to look much different than you expected, make sure you didn't convert it the wrong way (i.e. converting a Mac text file to a Mac text file can result in weird looking text).

For the conversions involving Macintosh text formats, some characters can not be converted in a straight forward way (e.g. the Macintosh Apple character, or the NeXT Thorn character). This application has elected to deal with this as follows: it substitutes the bracketed name of the character (e.g. the NeXT `ø' becomes `[slash]'). The reasoning behind this decision is that it would be generally more useful to have information about exactly what was in the file, even if it couldn't be displayed. Personally, for most of my file conversion needs, I'd rather be confronted with `[Apple]' than `ö',

since in at least the former case I'm likely to notice that something couldn't be converted right, as well as what it was that could not be converted.

This utility is useless (even un-useful) if it is used with Macintosh text files that had been created with fonts like Symbol or Zapf Dingbats which have identical layouts on both the Mac and NeXT, as well as those fonts which mostly ignored the standard Apple character layout. This is because this converter will try to convert the characters using the standard Mac encoding, which will have the effect of jumbling these characters.