Remove NewLines (Drag-N-Drop) v1.0a
The User Guide

Introduction

Carriage returns are used to separate lines in a plain ASCII text file. For an unformated text file, a carriage return means a new line. For most word processors, however, this is not the way they interpret a carriage return. To word processors such as WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, Windows Write...etc, a carriage return means a new *paragraph*.

Due to this reason, lines of an imported ASCII text file in these word processors can never be correctly aligned (unless you remove those carriage returns by hand...). They look extremely awful when you try to use a small font with full justisfication.

Here is the solution! *Remove NewLines* replaces all the carriage returns with spaces with the following exceptions:

> 1. successive carriage returns (ie, a blank line(s) is/are found)
> 2. a carriage return which is followed by a Tab character.

Remove NewLines treats the above two cases as new paragraphs rather than new lines.

So, pass the plain text file to *Remove NewLines* before importing it to a word processor, and save yourself some work!!

How To Install *Remove NewLines*

A complete package comes with the following files (if yours does not have them all, discard it and try to get another copy from some other public domain such as ftp.cica.indiana.edu):

rmnewln.wri	user guide (this file)
rmnewln.exe	the executable file
rmnewln.ini	initialization file
bwcc.dll	Borland C++ dynamic linked library

File locations:

- Place **rmnewln.exe** and **rmnewln.ini** in any directory you want (but they have to be under the same directory).
- If you already have **bwcc.dll**, compare the date of the one you have and the one that comes with this package, and keep the latest one. Place this file into one of the following directories:

        the same directory as **rmnewln.exe**
        Windows directory (eg. c:\windows)
        Windows system directory (eg. c:\windows\system)
        any of the directories listed in the PATH environment variable
        any directory in the list of directories mapped in a network

To create an icon in the program manager, drag rmnewln.exe from file manager and drop it onto the desired group (e.g. Accessories) in the program manager.

How To Use *Remove NewLines*

When you run **Remove NewLines**, it first appears as an icon on the bottom of your screen. To remove carriage returns in a file or files, simply drag the files from **File Manager** and drop to the **Remove NewLines** icon. For each input file, **Remove NewLines** will prompt you for a corresponding output filename. You may browse through directories by using the dialog box that pops up. And that is all you have to do!

(To select mutiple files from **File Manager**, hold down Control key while clicking at a file. By holding down the Shift key, you may select a list of successive filenames)

System Requirement

This program requires Microsoft Windows version 3.1 or later.

Registration Information

Remove NewLines is a shareware. You may use and distribute the package (the whole package with no modification) freely for the purpose of "*trying it out*". If you find it useful and want to keep it, you should register. Otherwise, please discard the package.

Upon registration, you will receive a lisence number, which will suppress all the registration messages from the program.

To register, please send US $5 (or Can $6) to:

> Bosco Kei-Wing Lai
> 4188 Trellis Crescent
> Mississauga, ON.
> L5L 2M2
> Canada.

Disclaimer

Remove NewLines has been extensively tested and no major oddities or errors are found. HOWEVER, *Remove NewLines* is provided "as is". There is no warranty of any kind, and the author holds NO responsibility for any damage that may cause from using this program. The user is using it at his/her own risk.

Comments are welcomed and will be very much appriecated. Please forward any bugs report or suggestions to the above address or through Internet e-mail to:

> kw2lai@descartes.waterloo.edu   or
> kw2lai@undergrad.math.waterloo.edu

History

version 1.0	initial version, carriage returns are eliminated (not replaced)
version 1.0a	carriage returns are replaced by space characters