

WoW

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Chapter 1

WoW

1.1 main

WoW v1.20

A text converter - Mathias PARNAUDEAU

What's that ?

Why a such tool ?

Possibilities

New : options

How this works ?

Questions & answers

The story

Work to do

Contact me

Thanks

1.2 whasisit

WoW is a text converter, and I wish it will expand compatibility over new text formats, because it's always annoying to have a document without being able to use it correctly.

You can use WoW with or without arguments (cf. [Usage](#)). If you just run "WoW", a useful window appears.

The first version was written in Blitz but now, WoW is developed in C. I suppose it works on any Amiga and only requires MUI (if you want to use the GUI).

Look at the english page throught my web pages at :

<http://perso.wanadoo.fr/supersport/amiga/wow/>

1.3 pourquoi

1. I was tired of hearing Amiga was good from people who go and buy a PC just after, explaining it's the only way to exchange files. What a nonsense ! Amiga can use pictures, videos and anims, modules, web pages, ... The big problem is Word and Excel files.

2. Such a program didn't exist. And I like challenges ;-)

1.4 possibilités

With WoW you can extract Ascii datas from :

Wordworth 6: Amiga's most used word processor.

Word: This format is a real nightmare to understand, but extract the text is not so difficult :)

Rtf: The Rich Text Format is the standard of text files.

Html: It's not necessary to open your browser and load an html text to save it in Ascii.

AGuide: You just want the text of an AGuide doc ?

Ascii: Just a copy of your file for the moment.

Pdb : Allows to obtain text from compressed or not PalmPilot documents.

Ascii conversion is not very exciting ? WoW has more to offer :

Ww6 -> Rtf: Tables, pictures aren't supported yet, but you can keep text, margins, informations about the document, ...

Ww6 -> Html: WoW is no more able to convert this, but it will come again.

1.5 options

The options

With this new version (1.20), you have options for a better comfort, they will allow you to convert as you wish. More options will appear in the future.

The options are five for the moment, and each one owns a default value :

- line size which allows to cut never ending lines under Multiview or DirectoryOpus. The default length is 79 characters. If you don't want to cut the lines, use the zero value.

- URL and addresses : it affects only the HTML->ASCII conversion, keeping links on URL and email addresses. For example :

<HTML>

If you have questions write to me

</HTML>

becomes :

If you have questions, write to me (mathias.p@wanadoo.fr)

- standard characters. In formats such as HTML or RTF, special characters are coded with several bytes. In the ASCII->HTML conversion, this allows to obtain "é" instead of "é".

- keep CR : to convert PC ASCII (CR/LF) into standard ASCII texts (LF) deleting CR characters (the dos2unix does this too).

- title : changes the title of a document or adds one if it doesn't exist. Useful with the ASCII->HTML conversion to avoid to modify the file after conversion.

For the moment, all these options are available for each conversion, even if they don't affect the chosen conversion.

Options supported by each conversion

LINESIZE COPYURL HAVECR STDCHARS TITLE

AGuide->Ascii X X

Ascii->Ascii X X X

Ascii->Html X X X

FinalWriter->Ascii X X

Html->Ascii X X X
Pdb->Ascii X X
Postscript->Ascii X X
Rtf->Ascii X X
Word->Ascii X X
Wordworth->Ascii X X
Wordworth->Rtf X X X

1.6 utilisation

Double-click on the icon or run WoW from the Cli.

Usage

Wow -Format [list of options] Source Destination

-Format : chosen format for the destination file.

The option list contains 0 to 5 keywords from :

LINESIZE=XX where XX is a numeric value

COPYURL

HAVECR

STDCHARS

TITLE="a sentence you wish to find in the title"

Source : file to convert (the format is detected automatically).

Destination : file to create.

Arguments

WoW is "argument sensitive". If you enter the following number of arguments :

0 : the interface is loaded and you can choose easily your params. If you run it without giving a destination file, WoW creates one adding the right extension.

1 : Fatal error :-) WoW writes the usage.

2 : WoW uses the name of the second parameter to create the destination file.

3 : Good : it's the right way ! Without any option

4 or more : this means you use existing options

1.7 questions

Send me your questions ... [contactez-moi](#) .

The first questions :

It would be great to convert Html into Rtf ...

Yes, it would. The priority is now Rtf<->Wordworth.

1.8 historique

0.24.

- + Supports Ascii conversions with formats : Ww6, Rtf, Html, AGuide, Word.
- + Converts Wordworth text into Html (with styles, colours, sizes, ...

0.26.

- + The listview works : yeah !
- + Added conversions Ascii->Ascii (!) and Ascii->Html.

v0.28. First Aminet release (16/05/99)

It allows to convert :

- Html, Ww6, Rtf, AGuide, Ascii, Word files into Ascii (Word and Rtf files are not fully supported)
- Ww6 and AGuide files into Html
- Ascii files into Html (adds
 tags automatically)

v0.30. (18/06/99)

- english AND french languages automatically selected
- problems with AGuide tags solved
- <BODY> and </BODY> tags added (I forgot them the last time)
- Rtf->Asc fixed : no more blank file generated
- the path is kept when you call again a requester (doesn't stay into progdir)
- accents (grave, umlaute, acute) are supported for Html->Asc conversion

v1.00.

- + Completely new version written in C now, with a MUI interface

1.10. (8/08/00)

- + Full localization
- + Conversions improved (Ww6->Rtf, Word->Ascii, Rtf->Ascii)
- + GUI changed (centered label, added message bar, ...)
- + Minor changes (icon clicking, ...)

1.20 (27/01/01)

- + New conversion : FinalWriter->Ascii
- + Rtf->Ascii : header problem solved with RTF from Word2000.
- + Wordworth->Rtf : better conversion than Wordworth ! Saves document informations, margins, headers and footnotes, ...
- + General options : title, line size, standard characters, etc.
- + Documentation and catalog in polish : thanks to GDR !

1.9 todo

What I will have to do if I find the strength :

- o Give options for each conversion
- o Add conversions : Html->Rtf, Hlp->Asc, Rtf->Ww6, ...
- o ...

1.10 auteur

WoW is freeware : Amiga needs good products at a low price (free is not expensive :)

I wish WoW to be useful for each Amiga user.

If you can, write to me in order to suggest ideas, bugs, ...

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You want to read french mags : read aMiGa=PoWeR.
