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Version 3.0

Prologue to Version 3.0

e and my big mouth.... It was just a week ago that I said that I hadn't heard from anyone "Stateside" about this macro set.... Now I have in a big, — BIG — way. Seems as if I have slighted just about everyone who uses character accents (diacritical marks) that I left out. Hey, how am I supposed to know what you cats use in Denmark? All I remember from Denmark were the gals on bicycles, wearing smiles, short flowered dresses, sun tans, and... Uh, sorry.... Oh, yes the **food** and the Tivoli Gardens... that's what I remember! Who was trying to read the street signs?

And then there were the Swedish gals... and I don't remember anything about that language either! I have to be careful now. Someone from Sweden may drop in and slam the cover of my keyboard down on my fingers saying I forgot his country too. He may say that Danish and Swedish diacritical marks are different and I will have to believe him. Heck, what do I know about this foreign stuff. Next it will be the Laplanders airfreighting me a reindeer pellet for forgetting them too!

Worser, there was a long E-Mail note from Ireland telling me that there is no such thing as an American language and that English was **the** language. It was an interesting letter. I had to bite my tongue... uhhhhh... I mean erase part of my return message. With as much civility as possible, I told this Irish gentleman that I had carefully lifted (small minded people would call it plagiarized) that phrase from George Bernard Shaw's play, Pygmalion. Had to remind my new colleague that good old acerbic and long bearded George was also an Irishman. If George said that English had not been spoken in America for about a century back (almost a century ago), that was good enough for me! The Irish fella who chastised me apparently has never listened to "Rap" music or tried to converse with someone from East Los Angeles or he would never, never had made those statements.

Anyways, I never meant to gratuitously insult anyone—all the insults are planned—so these complaints are painful to me. This is Version 3.0, and I will try (once again) to make the **AccentTable** macro more better. Hey, please translate the last phase of the last sentence into English (if you dare).

I heard from Switzerland too. Found out how the weather was there and directed another happy user of **AccentTable** to WinWord's Equation Editor as he wanted now to be able to use any letter with diacritical marks. After I did so, I realized there was no direct command to activate the Equation Editor except to go to the menu bar and select **Insert+Object+Equation**. If you have never used the Equation Editor, you should it is an amazing software addition to WinWord.

I sent my new Swiss friend my **FontToDocPrinter** macro so that he could see all the other symbols in his fonts and use them at will. Someone else stepped into this E-Mail dialog and asked why the **FontToDocPrinter** macro was not in the macro set with **AccentTable** as it was so complimentary. Told that user the truth, I never thought of it. Having thought of it, **FontToDocPrinter** is now included with Version 3.0 of ACCENT.DOT.

Another overseas new pal said that I should make sure that every one knows how to enter (from the keyboard) the characters that **FontToDocPrinter** prints out by:

1. Turning the **Num Lock** on and type using the numbers on the number key pad.
2. Hold down the {Alt} key and Type: zero+the number set for the characters that prints out with FontToDocPrinter. For Example: {Alt}+0169 will give you (in the Times Roman font) the copyright symbol (©). Apparently this is a secret only known to the propeller hat crowd but useful to everyone.

Ah, and then there was the Munich connection. An **AccentTable** user who first told me what a wonderful program it was, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. I could feel my lips curve upwards in a secret smile as I read his E-Mail note. Aha, I thought a true lover of the simple macro, a fan and not someone complaining that my macros were causing hail storms in Idaho. He then politely mused over why WinWord didn't have a way to let you print non-sequential pages from a long document. I fell into his trap. Made him two macros, the second one (the more better one) is included in this macro set as a bonus. It is called **CommaPrint2** and is incredible if you need it. This is another feature that **was** in Word 5.5 but was dropped in WinWord 2.0.

The **CommaPrint2** macro is not only a feature that Microsoft forgot but apparently so have—all—the macro masters who sell ShareWare macros! If I am wrong, I have [once again] offended ShareWare programmers all over the U S and A. But not to worry, if I am wrong, I will probably be the first to tell you about it. The ShareWare gurus may be the firstest (translate into English please) to tell me—as only they can—of my blunderings. It tickles my funnybone to realize that all the ShareWare being sold only encompasses a fraction of the scope and power of WinWord. That anyone... anyone can write a powerful and meaningful macro that can be used and shared with others.

More better than that (translate please) writing macros and posting them to the Word Forum on CompuServe has allowed me to torture untold numbers of innocent WinWord users with my prose. Prose that you **have** to read as it relates to how to use a WinWord program! Unlike just writing a regular computer program with some dry and dusty text, you can put all kinds of graphics, ideas, grammatical devices, and even short stories. Heck, it's a lot of fun. And the best is you get to meet very interesting people. No, no, not programmers... the working people who

actually use WinWord as a writing tool to communicate with the real world!

Gee, having this many different Versions of ACCENT.DOT is getting interesting. If you just downloaded this for the first time, you may think that reading from present to past is weird, but don't be alarmed... if you stick with me, it does get weirder....

Prologue to Version 2.0

ell... haven't heard from anyone "Stateside" about this macro, but have heard from folk in Germany, Belgium and France. All these comments in the two weeks since this macro was first posted to the Word Forum on CompuServe! Talk about the E-Mail global village... Wow, even I am impressed with the electronic quickness of these responses. These folk said they needed—and liked—this macro. American/English typing folk have responded with E-Mail telling me how useful this little macro is and then... asked me to change it "just a little" to make it even better. So this is Version 2.0 not because of "bugs" but because the users of this macro wanted:

1. Lower Case as default.
2. "a" as default.
3. **Store** the selected Character, Accent, and Case for using the macro a second time. This storage takes place in the NORMAL.DOT Glossary so if you don't save NORMAL.DOT when you exit WinWord, you will not have saved these stored settings.

Which leads me to a conundrum. How do I now lead into the text that opened Version 1.0 without appearing awkward and more silly than usual? Since I couldn't answer that question, I decided to leave the text alone... 'cause I liked it then and like it more now!

Text for Version 1.0

Ok, ok... OooooKay! Alright, no jokes, no weird stories just an interesting macro! A macro that should have been done by somebody else by now but it hasn't... probably because the people who speak and write in American **and** another language are just too polite. They struggle silently with the serious problem of how to enter accented characters for words in their native tongue in documents written with an American word processor.

What you type in English not American? Uh, I don't think so.... English is not very widely used or written in this country unless you are prepared to call the hood of a car a "bonnet" or the trunk a "boot." In fact according to some, English hasn't been heard or used in America for at least a century or two. But that's a story for another rainy day....

Yes, I know you can set WinWord to type in other languages besides American/English, that's

not what I'm talking about. I mean writing in American **and** inserting accented foreign words into that document. If you've never done it, you can't appreciate what a pain it is to do so!

This macro is dedicated to those Americans who type in French, German, and Spanish and need these accented characters. The macro is **AccentTable**. It is fast and semi-smart. **AccentTable** will insert the proper lower or upper case accented character into your document **in the font and point size that you are using**, and... insert the character as **text, not a field code or a symbol!**

You may use any font that has these special characters in that font. That means some if not most of your fancy fonts. For those that need this, you will be exhilarated with this small program. As usual, if I have made any errors, please get back to me and I'll fix them.

Ready to test? Then Single Click on the red pen:

Neat huh? Actually I started this as an exercise on how to use Group Boxes with Option Buttons that allowed you to select three or four options at one time. This turned into a good programming example of this technique.

So... that's it! Told you no stories, no jokes, **but** really need to have you get back to me if this really isn't what you folk need. Remember I just program this stuff, and had to use the dictionary to get the symbols and definitions of these special characters....

To copy this to your NORMAL.DOT or another template Single Click on the Copy Button:

Keep Smilin'

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