

Import/Export Preferences

Overview

The Import and Export Conversion preferences only affect documents as they are imported to HTML.edit or exported (saved) from HTML.edit as text/html files. Export preferences generally turn on or off export conversion features.

Import Preferences

Convert LF to CR on Import

When checked, converts all instances of linefeed characters (ASCII 10) to return characters (ASCII 13) on imported documents. If the line breaks in your imported document are a return+linefeed combination, leaving this option checked will add an extra return character at the end of each line. See also the Import and Replace commands. Note that UNIX text files use a single linefeed as line delimiter, while DOS uses return+linefeed. Macintosh text files use only a return character. If your source files come from Macintosh, leaving this preference checked will have no affect on imported documents.

Convert Tab to "\t" on Import

When checked, converts all instances of tab characters (ASCII 9) to the escaped string "\t" on imported documents. This is used by the Table conversion functions to delimit table cells, or may be manually replaced using the Replace command. See also the Import and Replace commands. Note that tab characters are not "allowed" within HTML documents, that is, they are ignored and not used for spacing or carriage control.

Parse HTML on Import

If the imported document contains either a pair of Header tags or a `<!--FOOT-->` comment tag, you will be asked to move the HTML language tag `<HTML>` and header contents to the Header area, and everything after the `<!--FOOT-->` tag to the footer area. If these tags do not exist in the original document, all imported text will be left in the Body.

If errors are found, error notices will inform you of any missing elements of a pair, and the process will exit. Note that error checking does not check for multiple occurrences, only the existence of at least one set of HTML tags. This may cause the parser to misinterpret the code and produce unpredictable results. Redundant structural tags are incorrect HTML syntax and are removed automatically.

If the imported document contains a Footer Delimiter (typically the HTML comment `<!--FOOT-->`), as defined in the Footer Delimiter field under Editor Preferences), the Footer Delimiter and all text following it will be transferred to the Footer area.

New Document Break

When checked, will divide the imported file into separate documents, breaking either at

a form feed (ASCII 12) or a custom character as specified.

Restore Path from <BASE>

When checked, attempts to resolve the path (ie., location) of the imported document based on the URL of any existing <BASE> element. If the checkbox is unchecked, no <BASE> element exists, the URL is outside the server folder, or the server folder is not defined, then no path is set. (The path is displayed in the lower left corner of the editor window.)

Export Preferences

File Creator

A popUp menu that sets the application creator for exported files. This is a four character code used by the Macintosh to designate the file's parent application.

Server Platform

A popUp menu that selects the intended server platform for exported files. This changes the end-of-line delimiter to that matching the platform: Macs use a single return, PCs a return+line feed, and UNIX boxes use a single line feed.

Translate Date/Time Entities on Export

When checked, automatically translates embedded date and time entity codes into the current date or time as indicated by the code. When unchecked, leaves the untranslated entities in the exported document.

See also the Insert Export String command under the Utility menu.

Translate Custom Entities on Export

When checked, automatically translates embedded custom entity codes into the contents of the associated Master Header, Master Footer, or document. When unchecked, HTML.edit performs no substitution on export, leaving the embedded entity code untranslated in the exported document.

For instructions on creating a custom entity, see Custom Entity Table Instructions.

Use Export Conversion Table

When checked, uses the Export Conversion Table to convert instances of special characters upon exporting. This allows your source text to contain diacritical marks or other special characters (such as ©, ®, umlaut, grave, acute, etc.) to enable easier reading.

For instructions on customizing this list, see Export Conversion Table Instructions.

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