

DeleteCommentedLines, version 1.0

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Overview

I was just sitting down to finish a suite of large macros for a client and I was thinking...*Wouldn't it be nice* if I had a macro that would go through these macros and find all those commented out lines (left over from experimentation and maybe forgotten about) and give me the option of deleting each one as it came across them. So I typed up a few lines, and a few more, and a few more. Anyway by the time I was done I had shot away the best (and sunniest) part of an afternoon. It was really just for me but I figure most macro programmers could probably use it, so here it is. And obviously it's free.

Specifically what it does is copy the selected portion of the macro to a new document, then goes through it line by line (actually paragraph by paragraph) looking for lines with an apostrophe (ASC(39)) in the first position - *ignoring any combination of leading spaces or tabs!* When it finds a line like this you are prompted with a message box and offered an option to delete that line. At the end of the selection, the (amended) text is copied back to the clipboard. You are then prompted by a message box which offers the option to paste this amended text back over your original selection. Scary...! If there were no changes to the text you don't get the paste option, the text is not pasted and you are advised accordingly by another message box. All the possible message boxes are displayed below.

This macro does seem a bit scary but I did a lot of testing on it, including on a number of live and valuable macros of mine and nothing went wrong. You might want to review the code if you have any concerns.

This version is specific to Word for Windows version 2.0x.

It will not work with earlier versions of Word for Windows.

Installation

To install this macro just double-click on the <<Install>> macrobutton above. Installation simply involves copying the DeleteCommentedLines macro to your NORMAL.DOT template. You are then prompted for saving global glossary and command changes.

The Main Dialog Box

When you execute `DeleteCommentedLines` you will see the following dialog box:

Possible Message Boxes